

Living in this World with Cut & Paste

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– SYNOPSIS –

A world where God will grant abilities called Skills to whom who come of age. The protagonist, bestowed with two skills, uses them and rises to an existence called a hero.





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CHAPTER 1

SKILL BESTOWAL

My name is Myne. Today I'm 15 years old hence coming of age, and so I joined the ranks of adults.

The children who are facing their coming of age will have to go to the temple and be bestowed a maximum of three abilities called Skills by God.

Skills are used for war and to help our livelihood; it isn't entirely clear how to use it but there are a lot.

Thus, due to the bestowal of a combination of skills, there are times when an outrageous ability is formed.

The people known as heroes of the past, due to a combination of these Skills, many if not all achieved great success.

For example, the King was bestowed with two Skills.

It's a combination of [One-handed Blade · Holy] and [Physical Strength Enhancement · Large].

The One-handed Blade is an example of a combat type Skill which has different grades of strength.

At present, I know that it is divided into four levels: [One-handed Blade] → [One-handed Blade · Extreme] → [One-handed Blade · Holy] → [One-handed Blade · God].

In other words, the King obtained the second strongest One-handed Blade ability.

He also has one more Skill: [Physical Strength Enhancement].

As the name suggests, it is a Skill which strengthens one's physical strength. It is extremely compatible with the previous [One-handed Blade].

Physical Strength Enhancement also has different strength levels. In the King's case, it is once again the second strongest Skill.

With this combination, the King obtained unparalleled strength.

After the King obtained the unparalleled strength, he left numerous achievements, and became the king.

The stronger the effect of a Skill, the lower the chances of the bestowal; is how the temple sees it.

That is why it is rare to be bestowed the ideal combination of Skills with powerful effects.

Anyhow, there is an infinite number of Skills maybe not infinite, but there is an enormous number.

Within that number, there aren't that many Skills with powerful effects.

For this reason, the two Skills combination the King obtained is prominent.

The children facing their coming of age, and their families made their way to the temple, bearing huge hopes in their chests.

Yes, they dream of obtaining the "right" Skills like the King.

By the way both my parents have passed away.

They passed away in an epidemic when I was ten.

My father was a skillful hunter.

Using an imitation of a trap my father left at home, I somehow managed to use it to catch small animals such as wild rabbits.

In addition, I was able to sustain my daily life by harvesting herbs.

Anyhow, as a minor who hasn't obtained any Skills, I only had hunting as an ability to keep on living.

Since my parents had a good disposition, the neighbourhood butcher and the owner of the gold refinery increased their purchases from me.

I had barely been scraping by, but I had lived on alone until today.

However, such an agonizing life ends today I hope.

As long as the Skill isn't too bad, I think I will live a comfortable life from now on.

If I get a combination of Skills, I might be able to rise to the top in one go.

I am also the same as the others, harbouring hopes and dreams in my chest, as I made my way to the temple.



Arriving at the temple, together with a mysterious uplifting feeling mixed with expectation and uneasiness, I waited for 40 minutes.

In that time, whenever I see the complicated facial expressions of those adults who obtained their skills, I imagined them saying [Seems like I didn't get a good Skill.], and thus the uneasiness grew.

[Now then, it's your turn.]

And so, it was finally my turn.

"Enter that circle, and pray to God with gratitude for becoming an adult."

Being told that, I entered the circle and offered prayers to God.

I was filled with gratitude for being able to live until this day, despite losing both my parents.

As I did that, my body shined faintly for a few seconds, and two Skills came to mind.

"Hmm, it seems like you safely received your Skills. Please place your hands on this

orb.”

As he held out a transparent orb, I placed my hands on it.

As I did that, the two Skills which previously came to my mind were displayed inside the orb.

Namely, [Appraisal·Complete] and [Cut & Paste].

The Skill named Appraisal can examine the details of everything. It is quite the rare Skill.

The ones that are frequently heard are [Appraisal·Age], [Appraisal·Identity], [Appraisal·Animal], [Appraisal·Gender] etc., it is a rare skill but there is a catch.

You can examine the attribute at the end of “Appraisal”.

Even without especially appraising gender, you can usually know. You can say that it’s a failure even though it is also Appraisal.

Within that, the Appraisal I was bestowed with had a “Complete” at the back.

This is probably the top attribute even within Appraisal.

If we take it literally then it can examine without limits.

I still haven’t thought of how to use it, but I think it’s a bullseye.

There is also Cut & Paste, but frankly, it’s complicated.

I’ve never heard of a Skill [Cut & Paste] but I have heard of the Skills [Cut] and [Paste].

[Cut] is a Skill to “cut down” visible things.

For example, if you used it when you are pulling out weeds, then the weeds within your sight is all cut up immediately.

When disposing weeds, it is surely the best outcome.

With such an example, I think it is a wonderful Skill.

However, this Skill is best used on fundamentally still objects. Living things are poor targets.

If it was effective on even living things, it would be the perfect and extremely advantageous Skill to bring to a battle against monsters.

Naturally, after the monsters, it would be plenty convenient when dismantling, or so I've heard.

Dismantling takes a lot of work, inevitably, it will take some time.

If it takes some time, there is a possibility the blood and stench of the monster during dismantling will attract other monsters.

You can say that adventurers extremely welcome the skill because it can substantially reduce the dismantling time.

[Paste] is a Skill which “sticks” anything visible to any place.

It can be used like glue, so to say.

However it differs from glue. Once you stick something, the thing that is stuck can never be torn apart.

It is the end if you made a mistake when pasting.

It became a terrible thing.

If you used the aforementioned [Cut], you can kind of tear it off (It isn't exactly tearing it off, rather, cutting it off), but for example, if a person is bestowed with both Cut and Paste at the same time, which is rare, you can say that it is basically an extremely inconvenient Skill.

Although among producers, called craftsmen, the skill is unparalleled in its utilisation, and since I've heard that they can produce unbelievably sturdy tools and furniture, among other things, depending on your proficiency level, it can be a beneficial skill.

It is that if you are aware of the Skills, except for what I said earlier, you will say that having the two skills will be quite convenient, right?

In my case, since it is [Cut & Paste], the faults of Paste is reduced, and it should be convenient to use compared to those who are bestowed with only one of them.

“Hmm, it seems like you are bestowed with a wonderful skill, [Appraisal · Complete]. [Cut & Paste] also seems useful depending on how you use it.”

The priest who is peering into the transparent orb addresses me.

“That’s it for today. May you be blessed in your life from now on.”

Expressing my gratitude to the priest, I set off for home.

CHAPTER 2

TESTING THE SKILL

While thinking about the Skills, I set out for home.

There were about 10 people on the carriage with me.

My house is about half a day by carriage away from the capital where the shrine is in, at the outskirts of the Town of Lucas.

It is a relatively nearby town from the capital, with a population of about a thousand. Beginner adventurers pass through here. It is a lively town.

[Well then, let's try using Appraisal.]

While the carriage is shaking, I silently used Appraisal and faced an adventurer in his primes.

As I did that, information surfaced in my mind.

Name: Keith
Race: Hume
Gender: Male
Age: 48 Years Old
Occupation: Adventurer (Rank C)
[Skill]
One-handed Blade
Cleaning

Hee, so he is Keith-san.

His skills are..... [One-handed Blade] and [Cleaning], huh.....

It's a bad combination, isn't it?

Although he has quite the stern face, it's an extreme gap with [Cleaning].

While thinking about cleaning, I tried looking at Keith-san and more information surfaced in my mind.

[Cleaning] : Able to properly carry out efficient cleaning, when skill level is increased, able to clean neatly.

I see, Appraisal can search for detailed entries on confirmed information.

This is quite convenient.

I think that it's probably because it's **[Appraisal · Complete]** that it can do this.

In the procured information there's a word which arouses my curiosity.

It's "Skill level".

I don't see any entries about skill level but the word seems like the more you use the skill, the better the ability.

I see. If that is the case, the more I use Appraisal, the more detailed the information I am able to obtain.

If so, I should use Appraisal more.

Anyhow, I can't move from the carriage for half a day.

Besides, I can't test out **[Cut and Paste]** in places with people.

Thinking about such things, I used Appraisal on all the 10 people inside the carriage.

I didn't particularly have any problems until the ninth person.

However, the information I obtained from the 10th man contained outrageous information.

Name: Gaskarth
Race: Hume
Gender: Male
Age: 31 Years Old
Occupation: Robber
[Skill]
Sewing
Dagger · Extreme
Swift feet (Small)

What, a robber!?

Why is he on the carriage!?

Furthermore, he has [Dagger · Extreme]

He's a master in itself.

Dangerous, this is dangerous.

Right now he's sitting quietly and shutting his eyes but I don't know when he'll act violently.

There are some adventurers on board but if he stabbed with surprise attack it won't be long before we die.

What's this guy's goal?

This carriage is headed towards the place I live, the Town of Lucas.

Since he's acting docile in the carriage, that means he should be aiming for the Town of Lucas.

The inspection when entering the town is strict, so robbers cannot enter.

No matter how much I think, I can't seem to think of the correct answer.

No, I can't think of it.

Right now, I am the only person who knows he is a dangerous person.

Even if I tell someone inside this small carriage, he will naturally hear me when I speak.

Any way, isn't there any way?

Before he takes out his dagger, before he becomes violent, isn't there any way.....

Even if I grow impatient, there isn't anything a youngster like me can do.

So I thought.

It would be best if that guy doesn't become violent, and without him realizing, immediately return home as soon as we arrive.

However, as things are, I'm not sure if this guy will stay docile.

Even if we arrive safely, if anything happens inside the town, I will be dragged into it.

Above all, there are other young adults like me, and there are even girls.

As expected, if I don't think of a solution, we will surely be in danger.

What can I do now?

Speaking of what I can do, I only have the Skills I gained today.

Appraisal will surely be useful.

However, it can't overturn this situation.

If so, it seems like I have to use the other Skill [Cut & Paste], one way or another.

I can't use [Cut] on living things.

Assuming I use it, I can't attack my opponent who hasn't even done anything.

If I did, the person who'll be arrested isn't him, but me.

Because I can't injure my opponent, I become powerless.....

Ah, I can use [Paste] to stick that guy's shoes on the floor.

If I do that, even if he suddenly acts he wouldn't be able to move.

Even if he kicks off his shoes, he can't do it immediately.

Next is the dagger on his waist.

Let's stick his scabbard and the dagger together.

If I do that, even if he acts, Keith-san and the other adventurers can deal with him.

Yosh, since I decided, let's get to it immediately.

As I invoked the Skill, the successful invocation response was returned in my mind.

It was my first time using it but it seems like I was somehow able to use it.

Phew..... with this I am relieved for now.

It's just that as it is I won't be able to deal with what happens after we arrive at the town.

Even if I stick his shoes, he will be able to move if he takes it off, and if he buys a new dagger it'll end there.

I don't know whether his aim is the carriage or inside the Town of Lucas or anything else. I can't come up with a fundamental solution.

Just like that he boldly boarded the carriage.

If his aim is the Town of Lucas, he'll manage to enter.

If so, there might be harm to the town.

Optimistic that the urgent danger is prevented, I was able to cool myself down a little.

And, this me who calmed down..... was struck by an outrageous idea.

CHAPTER 3

THE MIRACLE OF COMBINATION

Thus, the me who calmed down..... thought of an outrageous idea.

By combining skills, the abilities can be greatly improved.

Like King-sama's high-levelled Fencing + physical strength enhancement, each becomes more efficient, and the skill becomes stronger.

Perhaps, my two skills also have a synergetic combination.

While feeling dread and expectation on the idea and the possible result, I tried putting the idea into practice.

First of all, I appraised Gaskarth.

Name: Gaskarth
Race: Hume
Gender: Male
Age: 31 Years Old
Occupation: Robber
[Skill]
Needlework
Dagger · Extreme
Swift Feet (Small)

Naturally, the contents didn't change from the previous appraisal.

And here I used [Cut].

My target is Gaskarth's skill [Dagger · Extreme].

As I did that, an invocation response was returned like when I used Paste.

And so, I once again appraised Gaskarth.

Name: Gaskarth
Race: Hume
Gender: Male
Age : 31 y/o
Occupation: Robber
[Skill]
Needlework
Swift Feet (Small)

!!!

As I expected, I was able to cut off his skill!

[Cut] is a skill to “cut off” things I can see.

I can also set the target as information I can see with my eyes (to be exact, my mind) that I gained from [Appraisal · Complete].

And then, the skill which I’ve cut off.....
I tried pasting it on my Skill column.

Name: Myne
Race: Hume
Gender: Male
Age: 15 y/o
Occupation: Apprentice Hunter
[Skill]
Appraisal · Complete
Cut & Paste
Dagger · Extreme

!!!!!!!

.....It’s true! It’s actually possible!! (Super Liberal)

How do I say this, I have a means to obtain skills which can only be obtained through bestowal from God.

I received an enormous shock when such an outrageous thing happened onto myself. Is it really okay for me to obtain such power?

In a sense, I received an even greater shock than when I knew of Gaskarth's true identity.

However, my trembling steadily ceased as I calmed down gradually.

When I return home, I have to think of how to proceed from here huh.....

Firstly, I have to cut off the Skills left on Gaskarth.

Let's paste it onto my Skill column.

Name: Gaskarth

Race: Hume

Gender: Male

Age: 31 Years Old

Occupation: Robber

[Skill]

None

Yeah, this should be good enough.

Even if his aim is the Town of Lucas, it won't go his way.

.....Probably

My job's until here.

No, I'll observe his attitude when we arrive at the town and try consulting with the gatekeepers.

If I do that, the gatekeepers will deal with him.

For the time being, with the solution to deal with that guy found, the feeling of tension escaped from my body.

It's just that, there is plenty of likelihood that he'll act violently in the carriage. I can't let my guard down but strength escaped from my body and I relaxed.



It's been about five hours since we departed from the capital.
Finally, what I feared happened.

Perhaps, they are Gaskarth's companions.

Suddenly an armed group appeared and aimed for the carriage.

As soon as the people inside the carriage shifted their attention outside, that guy who was waiting for his chance acted.

"Hyahhaー, you people obediently.....Uga"

.....but, due to my preparation in pasting his shoes to the floor, he stood up vigorously and splendidly fell to the ground because of his momentum when standing up.

Even though it was sudden, the adventurers inside the carriage quickly subdued and bound him up.

And, the adventurers who were escorts apparently joined the people and prepared a formation to counterattack the incoming group of robbers.

"We will also lend our strength. Coachman, is it okay if we get a little compensation? "

"Yes, of course."

While hearing the conversation, I hurriedly appraised the incoming group.
There are eight people, and these three are the ones that bothers me the most.

Name: Rafre
Race: Hume
Gender: Female
Age: 26 Years Old
Occupation: Robber
[Skill]
Two-handed Blade
Sight Enhancement・Moderate

Name: Ein
Race: Hume
Gender: Male
Age: 30 Years Old
Occupation: Robber
[Skill]
Etiquette
Leg Strength Enhancement · Small

Name: Syoubu
Race: Hume
Gender: Male
Age: 42 Years Old
Occupation: Robber
[Skill]
Magic · Wind

The remaining two people don't have skills for combat, I don't think they're amazing.

First of all, that guy who can use magic is dangerous.

I immediately cut off and turned him powerless, and pasted it to my Skills.

I also quickly removed the Skills from the remaining two and pasted them onto mine.
.....Though, he has etiquette even though he's a robber.....

The first who realised that they couldn't use their skills was the robber named Syoubu.
He probably planned on using magic from a distance.

No matter how many times he used it, his magic did not manifest and it was clear he was agitated.

Next was Rafre, the female robber.
Her eyesight probably dropped suddenly.

She kept rubbing her eyes.

Seeing such an appearance, the robbers steadily approached and entered a battle with

the adventurers.

The robbers were unable to use skills and as expected couldn't fight. They were outnumbered and outmatched by the experienced adventurers.

Their real plan was to probably cause a disturbance within the carriage with Gaskarth and using that opportunity to attack us with magic and suppress us.

The robbers who were greatly overturned fell one by one.

Thus, after the battle started for ten minutes, among the nine robbers including Gaskarth, two were dead and seven were captured, and we were able to peacefully survive.

CHAPTER 4

THE PLAN HEREAFTER

After finishing dealing with the robbers' invasion, I can finally return home.

It seems that the robbers caught by the adventurers became crime slaves and were sold off.

The money from selling them were divided equally to the passengers and the adventurers involved.

Even though I helped, I still do not know whether I should tell anyone else about [Cut & Paste] so I remained silent.

“Oh! Welcome back Myne, did you receive your Skills without any problems? “

Edgar-san, the gatekeeper whom I am familiar with, saw me and greeted me.

“Yes, somehow I was able to.”

“I see, that's good.”

Expressing a friendly smile, he returned to gatekeeping after exchanging a few words.

Name: Edgar · Munsell

Race: Hume

Gender: Male

Age: 24 Years Old

Occupation: Guardian

[Skill]

Two-handed Spear · Holy

Etiquette

Iron Wall

Wow, Edgar-san's amazing.

He has [Two-handed Spear · Holy].

Moreover, he has Iron Wall which looks strong.

Let's see, what kind of skill is Iron Wall.

Let's try appraising Iron Wall more.

[Iron Wall] : Optional invocation type Skill, able to invoke at any timing the user wishes.

While invoking, defence power rises by three-fold.

A cooldown time of 30 minutes is necessary after usage.

Oh, three times the defence power, huh. Edgar-san is a person good at attacking and defending na.

Cooldown time..... should be the time where you cannot use after using it.

There's even such a Skill, I'll remember it.

By the way, even though it's obvious, there's no way I'll cut off Edgar-san's Skill.
I decided to only use it on evil people like enemies and robbers.

If I use it indiscriminately, I won't be different from a robber.

After separating from Edgar-san, I immediately entered the town.

While using Appraisal non-stop, I walked directly towards my house.
It was interesting as I was able to discover skills I never knew existed.



My house is at the outskirts of the town.

Even though it's only me living in this house now, originally it was a house where I lived with my father and mother. I can't say that it's a mansion but I think in its own way it is a place where I can live.

"I'm back."

Although there is no one to reply, it unconsciously came out from my mouth.

I felt tired when I enter the house, and sat down on the floor.

“Phew..... somehow I feel tired naa.”

I was doing nothing for a while and rested.

Somehow, it has been a shocking day.

Ah, yeah, I should appraise myself.

Name: Myne
Race: Hume
Gender: Male
Age: 15 Years Old
Occupation: Apprentice Hunter
[Skill]
Appraisal · Complete
Cut & Paste
Dagger · Extreme
Swift Feet (Small)
Needlework
Magic · Wind
Two-handed Blade
Sight Enhancement · Moderate
Etiquette
Leg Strength Enhancement · Small
Cooking
Art of Negotiation
Alchemy

The three people I used Cut on during the battle were different from those guys so I Cut some Skills which looked user-friendly.

Cooking, Art of Negotiation and Alchemy. These three.

Thinking about the future, these Skills will be helpful for my future plans.

However, today I gained a lot of skills in one day.
It's still okay right now, but it will be hard to look at the results of Appraisal after this.

The skills which I obtained in order will be lined up but I wonder if [Cut & Paste] can adjust this.

.....And the result is that the Skills can be transferred.

[Skill]

Appraisal · Complete

Cut & Paste

Dagger · Extreme

Two-handed Blade

Leg Strength Enhancement · Small

Sight Enhancement · Moderate

Swift Feet (Small)

Magic · Wind

Cooking

Needlework

Etiquette

Art of Negotiations

Alchemy

Yeah, with this it should be somewhat easier to look at.
Let's adjust this periodically after this.

.....Now then, let's think about what to do after this.

First things first, it is reality that I am able to cut off Skills and make them mine with [Cut & Paste].

Should I tell people or not, huh

I think this is an extremely important choice.

Even if I've decided myself that I will only cut off the Skills from my opponents, I can't really believe that.

When that happens, naturally, I think that I will try to avoid it.

Well, that is true.

If I imagine my own skills could be stolen without me knowing makes me scared, but I don't think that will happen.

If that happens, it will hinder my life.

After all, it isn't possible to live without any relationships to other people.

If it's like this, as expected I need to keep this a secret.

Next is my life from now on.

Thanks to the traps and hunter's tools my father left for me, I was barely able to scrape out a living, but since I've been bestowed with Skills, I want to make use of them.

Then, what should I do..... but.....

A job which makes the best use of [Cut], the steadiest should be employed by adventurers to dismantle at a dismantling shop?

However, there are a lot of different personalities for adventurers, there may also be those who won't pay for just dismantling.

Just by following them once, I might end up following them for life.

It might be me worrying too much, but it is quite possible.

I will pick one but for now, I'll postpone it.

What about [Paste] ?

No, I can only think of a worker....., Even if I were to have Cut, it will take too long to become independent.

Kyakka da, Kyakka!! (*TL: Kyakka = Rejected*)

To not use the Skills which weren't bestowed upon me by God, openly, is unexpectedly hard.

CHAPTER 5

ABILITY AND THE FIRST BATTLE

In the end, there seems to be little usage for [Cut & Paste].

Only as a dismantling shop, huh..... Wait, hold on? Since I managed to increase my number of skills after so much trouble, how about I try to become a real hunter?

[Dagger·Extreme] [Swift Feet·Small] [Sight Enhancement·Moderate] [Leg Strength Enhancement·Small], if I can make good use of them, I'd be able to hunt the small animals like rabbits which are in this area, no, perhaps I could also aim for larger ones.

..... Okay, let's try it that way.

If it's like this even if my new skills increase, my secret won't be exposed since there will not be anyone around me.

Let's immediately go hunting tomorrow.

Since I've decided my course of action, though a bit rough, I'll head to sleep after I finish my dinner.

While thinking of such things, I went to make my usual simple dinner.

Since I did not have the time to go shopping today, I'll just have dried meat and rye bread.

Even though I finished eating quickly since there wasn't much, it felt even tastier than usual.

Maybe it was due to [Cooking] ?

I want to somehow increase my proficiency level by cooking repeatedly.



I woke up when the morning was still dark, and I immediately started to prepare for the hunt.

I equipped a leather breastplate, gauntlet and a shin guard. I also affixed a dagger for dismantling on my hip.

Usually, I would set up traps for small animals like rabbits but, today's aim is forest mutton, a sheep.

Though the monster isn't fast, due to it using its sharp horns when charging, coupled with its sleep attack, it is a troublesome creature. As such, it's a monster I would run from every time I bump into them.

However, exactly because it is troublesome to obtain, it can be sold at high prices.

Even though the meat has a peculiar flavour, and strong at that, its horns, hoofs and the like, can be sold at high prices.

If I could hunt stably, my livelihood should improve greatly.

My preparations are finished, and as this is my first time going on a real hunt my heart is going "doki doki", so I left for the nearby forest through the back gate.

The gatekeeper was concerned and said "Quite early aren't you, be careful"
On the road to the forest I could get a feel of the effects of the new skill.
Yes, it's [Swift Feet · Small].

Just by running lightly, I attained a speed where I never could have reached before this without sprinting with all my strength. Moreover, I wasn't even short of breath.
Once again, I've felt the usefulness of the effects of skills.

Such being the case, in a blink of an eye, I arrived at my destination.

"Nooow then, from here on is the real thing..... "

Probably because of nervousness, I accidentally let my thoughts slip from my mouth.

With caution I advanced into the forest.

Name:Forest·Rabbit
Race:Rabbit Family
Gender:Female
[Ability]
None

Even though it is not the sheep-san I'm aiming for, I found the rabbit-san whom I have always been indebted to.

.....hmm? What? A word I have never seen before is in the appraisal results?

Ability?? What's this?

I'll leave the unknown word in the hands of Appraisal.

[Ability] :A unique skill that is based on the physique and build of the monster, generally on par with Skills.

..... A monsters' version of a skill is it? Based on the explanation it seems like its a monster-exclusive skill.

Since it says physique and body build, even if it is Cut, Humes probably can't use it.

For now, even though usually I would have trapped my opponents, for the first time I am going to fight it head-on and determine my own power.

I held my dagger, and stood in the front of the Forest·Rabbit.

The Forest·Rabbit noticed me and leaped towards me with naked fury!

While I activated [Leg Strength Enhancement·Small], I nimbly dodged it, and at that moment I stuck out my dagger.

<Pigyaa——!!>

I could feel the dagger slice through the Forest·Rabbit's meat and as it let out a shriek, I could see the bloodstained body of the Forest·Rabbit fell onto the ground.

Even though it's still breathing, it's twitching from the considerably severe wound.

I raised the dagger overhead, and then I stabbed its heart.

"Yosh, I defeated it!"

I am surprised at myself for being able to take it down fairly quickly, I used [Cut] to disassemble the dead rabbit.

Then, I threw it inside the Storage Bag I brought along.

This is also a tool that is left behind by my father which has the ability to store up to about 50 kg of things inside.

Living things cannot be put inside, and if spoils are stored inside, but terrible if forgotten and left to rot. Nonetheless, it is still a very useful tool.

Now, let's look for the real prey: Forest · Mutton.



Even after wandering for 20 minutes in the forest and defeating two rabbits, I did not find the main prey, the sheep.

While I was still pondering on the reason, I could see a big black silhouette sluggishly walking from afar.

I used [Eyesight Enhancement · Moderate], and what I saw at the big black silhouette is..... an orc.

An orc is a humanoid monster called a "Demon Race".

It has atrocious physical strength, possessing a really tough skin, he's a considerably troublesome fellow.

They are different from other species as they are famous for kidnapping women and raping them in order to breed.

And that is why this is the monster that the people from the town really hate.

Frankly, I believe I have a really slim chance in winning.

With my physical strength, I don't think the dagger will pierce through that tough skin.

For the time being, I will try to Appraise it.

Name:Orc
Species:Demon Race
Gender:Male
[Skill]
Strong Arm
[Ability]
Roar

Mu, it has both Skill and Ability.
As expected its on a different level than the rabbit.

For now, I'll steal its Skill.

As for the Ability, let's steal it and paste it on the tree over there.
Since it seems like Humes can't use it.

[Strong Arm] :Voluntarily activated type Skill, it's activated on one's desired timing.
When used, one's arm strength will be doubled. Once used, a cooldown of 30 minutes is required before using it again.

..... If it's like this, I wonder if I can somehow take it down.

I've weaken it since I have taken away his Skill and Ability, and I feel like I can somehow deal with my previous worry, his tough skin, with Strong Arm.

But, it really isn't a good idea if I rushed in directly from the front right.

Aa, that's it! I have magic now! Since I never used it, I completely forgot about it.

Let's get a hit in from the back using magic, then fight.

With such grand scheme decided, I went behind that fellow, and

[Eat this!]

While I shouted in my mind I activated **[Magic · Wind]**.

While cutting off the twigs of the bushes which were in the way, and the wind magic flew towards the orc.

<Gya?>

The noise of the twigs from the bushes being cut was heard by the orc, and it turned this way.

But, as expected it couldn't react, and the wind magic splendidly hit him.

<Guooooooooo-!!>

Now!

I used both [Leg Strength Enhancement · Small] and [Swift Feet · Small] immediately leaped to the orc's chest.

Then, I used [Strong Arm] that I took from him, and cut up his huge stomach in one go.

The orc writhing in pain, flailed its arms

I took a step back, and once again activated [Magic · Wind].

From point-blank range, the wind magic directly hit his cut off abdomen, and his movement became visibly sluggish.

I took this chance to go behind him and thrust the dagger with all my might towards its neck

This seems to have finished him off, as after he raised his voice and let out a huge cry, he finally fell.

Did I... defeat it?

I waited for a while but it didn't even twitch.

I disassembled it with [Cut], and since it can't be used on living things, it can be used to determine whether it is still alive or dead.

..... Since I can disassemble it, then it must mean that I defeated it. Phew, that was really heart throbbing.

However, I defeated an orc! Even I could defeat orcs!!

CHAPTER 6

THE PURCHASE OF THE ORC

I who defeated the orc which was unexpectedly a strong enemy, now have a little more confidence in my combat abilities.

And once again, I felt the usefulness of the Skills.

“The things I could do up until now is because of the Skills I had obtained since yesterday..... I wonder how it will be if I had more Skills.”

Unintentionally, those words spilled out of my mouth.

And, I now know the existence of both Skills and Abilities within monsters.

Obviously I can't take the townspeople's skills, but I don't need to hold back if my opponent is a monster.

It becomes weak when I steal its Skill, I can use said Skill freely, and monster is defeated.

If it's like this, instead of being a hunter, perhaps it's better for me to become an adventurer instead.

Even if I continue as a hunter, I will only encounter the same type of monsters. Naturally, the Skills I can acquire will eventually run out.

But, what if I became an adventurer? Probably, to finish requests I will encounter many types of monsters.

That means none other than becoming stronger myself.

“I'll be a hunter”, was my plan yesterday, but after defeating an opponent as strong as the orc, I have started to greatly waver.

“For now, I should finish dismantling this orc. If I don't hurry, the smell of blood will attract other monsters.”

Once again, I said while I continued dismantling the orc.

I continued using [Cut], and quickly dismantled it.

I can't put all the spoils from the orc into the storage bag, since it should be around 100kg.

Since I don't have enough space at all.

I discarded the rabbit from before, sorted out the parts which can be sold, and put them in the Storage Bag.

"..... This really won't work out unless I buy a bag with bigger capacity."

I put the parts of the orc until the bag is full, and hurried home.

Even now, [Leg Strength Enhancement· Small] and [Swift Feet (Small)] play important roles.

Even though I went deeper into the forest than usual, in the blink of an eye I'm already out of the forest, and arrived at the back gate of the town.

After I showed the familiar gatekeeper my proof of citizenship while greeting him, I entered the town.

Afterwards, I headed straight towards the usual butcher-san.

"Oji-san, good afternoon!"

"Oh? Did you bring a rabbit, kid?"

Oji-san replied, while expressing a smile.

"Ehehe, to be honest today is amazing you know!"

Proudly, I took the orc meat and put it on top of the shop's counter.

"..... O, oi kid, this..... is orc meat isn't it?"

He was surprised as expected, and that made me a little happy.

“Yes, that’s right. With the Skills that I was bestowed with at the temple yesterday, I somehow was able to beat it!”

“Seriously?! I see you have grown into an adult too huh, kid. To be able to defeat an orc, you must have gotten such a great skill..... you have to be grateful to God.”

By the way, generally, it is a courtesy not to ask about other’s skills. Even if an easy-to-understand skill was used in front of someone and is understood, it is an unspoken agreement to pretend that one is not aware of it.

Then again, there are cases where people make public of their power for the sake of publicity like King-sama.

“Un, that’s right! I’ll have to be grateful.”

While having such conversation, I finished taking out all the parts that I intend to sell. The rest are for the alchemist-san’s shop.

By the way, the orc’s meat is actually very expensive, because it tastes exceptionally good, and has a taste like that of a wild boar.

Although a delicious wild boar’s meat is very popular, the orc is tastier as it is more fatty.

Since it is relatively hard to bring back, the price inevitably becomes higher.

This orc should be around 40kg.

I wonder how much will it sell, I’m getting excited.

“Hmm, you’re really good at dismantling. 40kg..... That’s right, to congratulate you for becoming an adult, I’ll raise the price.”

While saying as such, Oji-san thought for a while and handed me a piece of gold coin and 23 pieces of silver coins.

Wow! Even if it was a whole rabbit, I wouldn’t get more than 3 copper coins!

By the way, 10 pieces of copper coins is worth a piece silver coin, and 100 pieces of silver coins is worth a piece of gold coin, and 100 pieces of gold coins is worth a piece

of platinum coin.

My daily income until yesterday was usually around 8 pieces of copper coins to a piece of silver coin.

So, with one orc I managed to obtain 123 days worth of income.

“Well, today is a congratulatory gift, but after this, remember that 1 kg of orc is 3 pieces of silver coins.”

“Yes, I understand! Thanks Oji-san!”

Expressing my gratitude to Oji-san, I left for the alchemist-san’s shop.

“Good afternoon~!”

The the alchemist shop is run by are a married couple, and the husband was the one who replied.

I wonder if the wife is not around?

“Oh, Myne-kun! Good afternoon”

He replied my greetings with his usual smile.

He is a very cool man.

“Today, I didn’t bring herbs, but orc’s raw materials instead!”

As I said that his smile cramped up in an instant.

“M, Myne-kun defeated an orc?”

“Yup! Thanks to the Skills I was bestowed with yesterday!”

Just like the butcher-san, he also gave an understanding look as he remembered that I had reached adulthood.

“Well the, let me have a look at the materials”

I took out the intestinal parts and jars that contained the testicles, eyeballs as well as the demon core which I didn’t at the butcher-san’s shop and put them on the counter.

The demon core, by the way, is a small stone contained in the hearts of the demon race, where magic power accumulates greatly.

Not only can it be used in alchemy, it can also be used in other things such as a substitute fuel for magic tools.

This is the material which can fetch the highest price.

“Hee, you dismantled this very well.....Eh?What happened to the bones?The bones can be sold at a high price too you know?”

“..... I threw them, since there is not enough space in the storage bag.....”

Yes, the gross weight of the orc was 100kg compared to the bag’s limit which was 50kg. Naturally, I can’t bring things that are bulky or cheap, so I threw them away at the place I dismantled them.

“.....I see, it is the one your father used to carry right?So it’s about 50 kg?”

While saying that, he seemed to be thinking of something.

“For now, let’s finish the transaction, I’ll take all the intestines for 8 pieces of silver coins, the testicles for 20 pieces of silver coins, and 4 pieces of silver coins for the eyeballs. And 1 gold coin for the Demon Gem”

I managed to make more than I expected, I have to be thankful to Onii-san as well.

“By the way Myne-kun, how much money do you have right now?”

He suddenly asked me.

“..... From the butcher-san’s purchase I got 1 piece of gold coin and 23 pieces of silver coins”

As I said that, he once again pondered.

“If it’s like that, now you have 2 pieces of gold coins and 55 pieces of silver coins..... Yosh Myne-kun, can you hunt for another 3 orcs?If you could hunt them, along with the 55 pieces you have now, I can replace yours with a 10t(*tons*) storage bag “

A 10t storage bag is a high-class item that will cost not less than 10 pieces of gold coins, even if I managed to hunt 3 more orcs, it won't be enough to get hold of such an amount.

After I tried asking him about it, somehow I came to understand it.

I am told that, since orcs are strong, it would be tough to solo it safely if one does not have the strength of a Rank C adventurer or more.

But, if a C Class adventurer fights, the sales price is going to be quite cheap.

If D Class or lower adventurers go hunting, there has to be many people, in addition, the inexpensive rewards have to be shared according to the ratio of people which seems to be unprofitable.

Therefore, subjugation quests are taken by relatively few people.

But, among those raw materials, the testicles can be turned into tonic, and because nobles always desire them, they will buy it no matter how much it costs.

And among them, a rookie that soloed an orc appeared.

But, because of the storage bag's space, I couldn't bring back enough raw materials.

If so, even if he provides a large storage bag cheaply if I constantly bring in orc parts, Onii-san will benefit from it as well.

Plus, since we have known each other for a while, it is natural to cooperate.

Incidentally, it is also to celebrate me becoming an adult.

With that said, I agreed to his terms.

"I understand! I will finish off the orcs!"

After he showed a satisfied smile at my response, he came out from the store with a small black bag in his hands.

"Well then, I'll give you this first. You should be able to bring back at least two orcs, right?"

Because I always accompanied my dad before, he trusts me enough to give it in advance.

Gratefully, I accept his good will.

“Thank you very much! I’ll be back as soon as I can!”

“Take care”, said he as he sent me off with his usual smile.

CHAPTER 7

ORC, ONCE MORE

Since it's not yet noon, should I try hunting for the orc immediately?

No matter what I want to repay him for entrusting me with the Storage Bag ahead of time.

Orcs live fairly deep into the forest but there are some which wander around like the one from before.

It's good that I can hunt rabbits, sheep, etc. while I'm at it since I have the large Storage Bag.

I returned home first, chewed on dried meat left over from yesterday and went towards the forest again.

The gatekeeper must have changed shifts in the morning, since it's a different person.

Since he's also an acquaintance, he said "Take care" when showing me out. I was happy for that.

Such a small thing became my motivation and brightened my mood as I entered the forest.

I advanced deep into the forest just as I did in the morning, rabbits appeared several times and I must have gotten the hang of it when I was fighting the orc.

I quickly defeated them and tossed them into the Storage Bag.

After catching about three rabbits, I discovered a new monster.

Forest · Crawler, a caterpillar.

Name: Forest · Crawler

Race: Crawler Family

Gender: None

[Skill]

Support Magic · Speed Reduction

Oh? This guy has magic.

Let's steal it at once.

And then, let's defeat it immediately.

I must've been careless, no, conceited.

There's no way I, who defeated an orc, lost to such a caterpillar....

Standing in front of the crawler, I readied my dagger.

And then I used [Leg Strength Enhancement · Small], and reduced our distance in one go.

Raising my dagger, all's left is to stab it, and as I thought that, that bastard spitted out something from its mouth.

It was too late when I thought that it was dangerous, and that something struck near my right knee.

"Uwa!"

There wasn't any pain. Though there wasn't any pain, entwined around my right foot was something which looked like a pure white thread.

Thus, I was stuck to the ground because that string-like thing had a strong adhesiveness.

"Ah, I can't move my leg!"

I tried to move my leg in a hurry but it did not even move an inch.

At the moment my awareness was concentrated on my foot, that bastard rammed into me.

“Ouch!”

Unexpectedly, sharp teeth bit into my arm.

“GYAAAAAA”

Crap, crap, crap, I need to do something!

Even though I was wielding a dagger, because my legs couldn't move as I wish, I couldn't brace my legs and perfectly hit.

The bastard spits out another thread-like thing at me who was struggling.

This time it was aimed at my body.

My mobility was remarkably decreased.

Oh yeah..... with [Magic·Wind] !

I recklessly fired wind magic rapidly, some of them were aimed at it and green blood was gushing out from the crawler.

While I was bathed in the blood, I invoked [Strong Arm] and thrust the dagger with all my strength.

The thrust dagger was aimed at the middle of its brows and the whole dagger pierced it.

It slowly collapsed onto the ground. It seems like I defeated it one way or another.

“.....I, I was saved.”

I was wrong.

Certainly it doesn't matter how many skills I have, I probably have to become stronger first.

However, I was after all an apprentice hunter before I came of age.

When I defeated the orc, it was only because I fought carefully that I somehow won.

There's no way I can also win if I was conceited and fought carelessly.

Since it's a caterpillar, I can still deal with it, but if it was an orc.....

I reflected a lot, and etched into my heart that I am unexperienced.

If not, I would lose my life early.

The fight against the crawler became a good lesson.

While reflecting in my heart, I assessed the situation.

I was bathed in the green bodily fluids of the crawler, and as expected, it feels gross.

The white string-like thing spit out by the crawler was twined around my right leg and body.

First of all, I need to do something about the thread.

I used [Cut] and steadily cut the thread off from my body and foot.

"This thread can probably be sold, so let's bring it back."

As I said that, I put it into the storage bag my father left me.

I've decided to put small things inside this and bigger things inside the new bag.

At the same time, I took out a potion and sprinkled it on the arm bitten by the crawler.

As smoke sizzled out, the wound steadily healed.

"Phew, it's good that I brought the potion I prepared for emergency cases."

The potion I brought was of the cheapest rank, but it fits the occasion.

The me who was just barely leading my life only had one of them.

If I have some leeway financially, I need to buy some from the alchemy shop, huh.....

Hmm? Alchemy? I have it, don't I?

[Alchemy] : A skill to produce new materials by mixing all sorts of raw materials.

The higher the skill level, the higher the price of material produced.

Oh, it really is alchemy!

By any chance, isn't this what they use to make potions!?

[Low Grade Potion] : A potion with low efficacy.

It is possible to make one by mixing medicinal plants and clean water.

Since it said clean water, it seems like I can't just use normal water.....

For the time being, let's collect medicinal plants if I see them.

It might be good to get the onii-san at the alchemy shop to show me where he makes his items.

Yosh, after this is dismantling the crawler.

Since I don't know what people would buy, let's just bring everything back.

If it's just this, I can still put this into the small Storage Bag.

Stowing away the crawler, once again, I advanced into the depths of the forest.

After walking for a while, some rabbits appeared and I defeated them without being careless.

After advancing a little more, I found the sheep which was my aim from this morning.

Name: Forest · Mutton

Race: Large Sheep Family

Gender: Male

[Skill]

Support Magic · Sleep

[Ability]

Charge

It has the skills as expected, of course I will also steal this.

I also cut off its ability and threw it away.

Yosh, let's fight it carefully.

I went around to its back and with the certain win pattern, I threw [Magic · Wind] at it.

Of course, it hit and the sheep was stained in blood in a moment, but for some reason it raged and turned, so I closed our distance, used [Strong Arm] and cut it off with the dagger in one go.

The sheep collapsed instantly and the outcome was decided.

Perhaps, the sheep's life dispersed without knowing its cause.

Before monsters approach I finished dismantling and stowed it in the small bag.

Before long, it's almost full.

This morning I stopped when it's about this much, but since I can still put some in I can still go on.

Since I still haven't defeated my main objective, the orc, of course I can only advance.

Of course, cautiously and without carelessness!

After that, while defeating a few sheep and rabbits, I advanced into the forest and finally found orcs.

Moreover, it's three at once.

If it's one at a time there probably wouldn't be a problem, I only need to surprise attack one of them.

To break the deadlock, I need the two support magic which I obtained earlier.

[Support Magic·Speed Reduction] and [Support Magic·Sleep].

First of all, I need to put one to sleep, and if I'm not noticed then another one.

If they don't fall asleep, I'll use [Support Magic·Speed Reduction] while there is still some distance and throw [Magic·Wind] at them.

After that I'll just go with the flow.

If I can put two to sleep from the beginning, then I'll be fairly at ease.

First of all, I'll use [Strong Arm], [Leg Strength Enhancement·Small] and [Sight Enhancement·Moderate] beforehand.

Of course, I didn't forget to steal their skills and abilities beforehand.

I went as near as possible, and estimated the timing..... Now! [Support Magic·Sleep]
!!

Yosh, it seems like its asleep.

Once more [Support Magic·Sleep] !

.....Tch, it's no use, it realised and resisted.

I proceeded with the plan, casted [Support Magic·Speed Reduction] and rushed towards the orcs.

I avoided the orcs whose movements became dull, and thrust my dagger with all my strength.

It seems like I managed to cut off its right arm.

It yelled out loudly.

Then, I aimed at its face and threw [Magic·Wind] at the orc with dulled movements.

The orc must have not expected the magic to come at that time, and it was directly hit at the face according to plan.

With this, both orcs are wounded, its movements became monotonous due to its anger and its movement worsen due to the damage taken.

The orc whose face has been pummelled should not be a problem and can be put off until later, and I decided to defeat the orc whose arm was cut off.

As I was thinking that, suddenly I received a great impact from the back.

“Guo!”

It seems like the orc I was aiming at directly hit me earlier at the back.

While my feet were wobbling, I stood up and took some distance.

I once again shot [Magic·Wind] at its feet, aimed at it when it flinched and closed our distance again.

Then I swung my dagger at full strength, and cut off its windpipe.

It let out a cry at its deathbed, and the orc whose face was smashed recklessly swung its stone axe around.

Because there wasn't a need to get near an enemy which couldn't see, I distanced myself and fired [Magic·Wind] rapidly and killed it.

All that's left is the sleeping one.

It wouldn't be good if it suddenly woke up, so I took some distance and overlapped the [Support Magic·Sleep]

I confirmed that it can't move, and stabbed with all my strength at its heart from the back.

It was a hard fight but I was somehow alive and the me who defeated three orcs fell to my back then and there.

CHAPTER 8

ALCHEMY AND THE MYSTERIOUS CHIVALROUS MAN

Even though it was a hard fight, it was quite the harvest to be able to defeat three of the orcs which I was aiming for in just today.

That's because I thought it would take two to three days, fastest.

With this, the storage bag is officially mine.

In this hunt, the understanding of the storage bag's usefulness has penetrated deep into my bones.

I planned to understand it but it has to be tried out before getting the hang of it.

Though I had to dismantle, three orcs on top of that, I still have some space.

Finishing the job by picking medicinal plants and hunting prey on the way back is something my mental health and financial stability are thankful for.

While thinking that, I returned cautiously due to the lesson from the battle with the crawler.

didn't forget to use appraisal and harvest herbs on my way.

In the end, I defeated one crawler and two Forest Mutton before exiting the forest.

When I was passing through the back gate, the gatekeeper whom I was familiar with saw me who was dyed in the green crawler's body fluids and became confused. I'm terribly sorry for that.

As expected, it'd be awkward going to the butcher and alchemy shop looking like this.

As such, I decided on returning once.

When I reached my house, I quickly took off my dirty clothes, drew a larger amount of water from the well and poured it on myself without hesitation.

When the water I drew was almost used up, I was somehow able to wash away the green colour.

I wiped off the water on my equipment and dried them inside the house, and changed into new clothes.

The green colour on the clothes..... probably won't be washed off, huh.....

For the time being, I'll just leave the water to boil.

When I finished, the sun had completely set.

I hurriedly rushed towards the greengrocer and bought the vegetables I need for dinner.

I then tossed them into the storage bag and hurried towards the alchemy shop.

By the way, since I'm inside the town, naturally I don't use my skills.

Since I cannot tell others about my skills, I have to be cautious not to use them carelessly.

"Good Evening~!"

As soon as I reached the alchemy shop, I greeted loudly towards the shop.

As I did that, his wife came out with a "Ara ara, now, now"

"I've heard from my husband, that you defeated an orc? Amazing, Myne-chan! Onee-san was surprised♪"

I reflexively broke into a smile as I was praised by the beautiful wife.

"Ehehe, I'm not that amazing. By the way, is onii-san in? "

“Yes, yes, I’ll call him now.”

As she said that, the wife disappeared into the shop.

I waited for a while, and onii-san came out while wiping his hands with a towel.

“What’s wrong, Myne-kun?”

“I’ve defeated three orcs!”

I cheerfully answered onii-san’s question, and then his face was cramped like this morning.

“.....Isn’t that too fast?”

“I think that I was lucky! Though I said I three orcs, would it be okay to bring the meat out? “

“Lucky, you say..... even if I’m lucky I can’t defeat three of them, you know.”

Onii-san smiled wryly, and said that since he didn’t need the meat, he only wanted the usual raw materials.

As expected since the parts are from three orcs, and there’s even bones, we moved to the workshop inside the shop and there, I took everything out.

“Yeah, these are certainly the parts from three orcs.

I’ve also thought about this this morning but the dismantling is really skilful.

Continuing from his wife, onii-san also complimented me and once again, I grinned.

“There’s no problems with the materials, and as promised this storage bag is now yours, Myne-kun.”

I don’t think the onii-san whom I trusted will lie to me, but as expected, him formally declaring it makes me relieved.

“Thank you very much! If I hunt them again, I’ll bring it! Ah, before I forget, won’t you buy this too? “

As I said that, I brought out the raw materials I dismantled from the crawler and the string-like thing it spat.

Aah, maybe the sheeps’ horns and hoofs too?

“Hee, a crawler, huh.

I don’t think we or the butcher will buy its meat.

I can buy the feelers and tails, and also this thread. “

As he said that, he handed over 4 silver coins and 6 copper coins.

Breaking it down, two parts of feelers and tails cost three silver coins, and the thread-like thing costs 1 silver coin and 6 copper coins.

Surprisingly the pseudo-thread costs quite a lot.

I am told it is an ingredient to make expensive cloth.

“After this are the sheep’s horns and hooves, which costs 24 silver coins.”

It seems that they were bought for an unexpectedly high price.

By the way, these horns and hooves are grounded and one way or another, mixed together and become sleeping pills.

While I was rejoicing at the unexpected income, I tried asking about the thing I came up with in the middle of hunting.

“.....By the way, I have a request.....”

“Request? Why are you so formal suddenly? “

“.....If it’s possible, I would like to watch and learn potion mixing but..... is it no good?”

My request was probably too unexpected, onii-san displayed a dumbfounded expression while thinking a little.

“I don’t mind, but..... even if you looked, if you don’t have the skill, you can’t become skilled in it, you know? If the quality is bad, there might be a chance if you practise again and again, but.....”

“Ee, I don’t mind! Please take care of me!!”



The conclusion, I was able to make a potion from well water and medicinal plants.

It seems that the water which flows underneath the Town of Lucas is “Clean Water”

Since it’s well water, one can draw as much as they like.

Let’s return and try it out immediately.

By the way, I also studied the mixing of high potion by observing.

It seems that I need to use medicinal plants and “Pure Running Water”.

It seems that I need to use water flowing from the upper part of the clear stream in Mount Muir, which is about 2 days from the Town of Lucas when travelling by carriage.

Of course, there are other places where I can obtain “Pure Running Water”, but that place is the nearest place from the Town of Lucas.

Because I have reached a certain level in compounding, I expressed my gratitude to both of them, and left for home, passing through the butcher.

Since it’s about the closing time of the butcher, I’m not sure whether I can make it or not.

After this corner is the butcher’s.

I reflexively quicken my steps.

When I turned around the corner, what I saw was the figure of the oji-san closing his shop.

“Oh? It’s you, boy, what’re you in such a hurry for? “

The oji-san saw me, and greeted me while his teeth were shining.

I like how even though he has a stern face, his face is absolutely not scary!

“Thank goodness, oji-san..... can you still buy some stuff?”

“Hmm? You caught something again? Okay then, but let me close the store first.

If not, customers will come endlessly”

While laughing “Gahaha!”, oji-san started tidying up again.

“I will help!”

Oji-san said, “Oh, is that so? Well then, I’ll be counting on you! “while handing over a broom and a dustpan.

After we started tidying up for about five minutes, we finished without any problems.

Then, we closed the door and went inside the shop, I brought out the orc meat which oji-san demanded, rabbits, and mutton.

“.....Boy, did you hunt for orcs again? This amount..... two, no, three? You’ve become a man, huh. “

As he said that, oji-san handed over 5 gold coins and 55 silver coins.

“I gave you some bonus, though it’s only a little, but you’ve become rich in one go huh, boy! Gahahaha”

I put the money I received in the storage bag, and expressed my gratitude to oji-san.

“Thank you as always, oji-san!”

“It’s fine. Are you planning on hunting tomorrow? If so, take care, okay? “

Oji-san being concerned about me..... I’m really thankful.

“Yes! Thanks you, I’ll remember your advice while hunting! I’ll be going then, good night! “

Saying my thanks, this time I headed towards my house.

It seems like I’ll be having a good dream tonight.



“Today, a person has been bestowed with an interesting skill.”

“.....If you specially report to me, it must be something considerable. What kind of skill? “

“It is [Appraisal · Complete]”

“Oh?”

Within the darkness, two people are conversing.

The conversation of these two people will have a great impact on Myne’s life, but of course, there’s no way Myne knows of this now.

CHAPTER 9

ADVENTURER'S GUILD AND THE PROMISE

“However, potions can be created using drawn well water, huh.....”

When I returned home, I immediately prepared to try making potions.

According to plan, when I was able to make the potion with the flow I saw at the alchemist, my impressions were as above.

I can make approximately 6 L of potion from just the medicinal plants I've collected.

As expected, if I sell these, the alchemy shop's sales will be affected.....

And I'll be repaying his kindness in teaching me with evil.

I'll just make enough for my own use.

“This much will probably last me some time, right?”

For now, the completed potions were put in a big transparent bottle which I previously bought from the general store.

Tomorrow, I'll buy small bottles and divide the potions.

With my work roughly finished, while I was taking a breather my stomach let out a rumble.

“Come to think of it, I still haven't eaten yet.”

As I only needed to make food for one, I cooked the leftover orc meat teppanyaki-style, and garnished the salad with Nobuchu leaves I bought from the vegetable shop.

Thanks to the Cooking skill, I was able to make simple but very delicious food.

Also, since it was the special first-class orc meat and not the usual rabbit meat, it

wasn't only due to the skill.

Although I intended to make quite a lot, I licked my lips as I finished eating, and it seems that I was able to relax after a while.

Since I spontaneously used too much energy, I threw myself on the bed.

"Today's also peaceful, and I was able to survive..... It really became busy all of a sudden, huh.

Well, because of that my earnings were also amazing....."

5 gold coins and 83 silver coins.

Along with 6 copper coins were my income.

Furthermore, I obtained a Storage Bag (Extra-Large).

All of these were thanks to the skills I was bestowed with, no matter how many times I thank God, it'll never be enough.

Thinking about the income and skills, as expected, becoming an adventurer is probably the correct decision.

Let's try making an appearance at the Adventurer's Guild tomorrow.

I should think about this seriously.

Yosh! I've worked hard today! Good night!



[Adventurer's Guild]

It includes not just the Kingdom of Augusta, which the Town of Lucas, where Myne's residence is in, belongs to, but also other countries, and is a for-profit organisation which exists in practically every town.

A few centuries ago, there existed a hero who for the sake of subjugating monsters

efficiently, called out to people who were bestowed battle-oriented skills, and an organisation which gathered these people were formed.

With the flow of time, that system was polished.

It is now changing into an existence that will provide information and build a network to raise the survival rate of adventurers, soldiers and the like who fought against monsters, and will support their lives by making it profit-based.

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In each continent, country, and town, etc., a branch is established, and every day it assists the registered adventurers.

The Adventurer's Guild is basically open every day of the year, and is operates in the morning, afternoon, night and even midnight.

In the case of unexpected situations, they will take care of it immediately.

It is a for-profit organisation, and though they are an independent business organisation, basically they are in charge of defence of the towns they are established in.

On the surface, they receive requests for defending the town made by the head of the place where they are established, such as kings and lords.

Of course, since it is a request, there is a reward.

Though, a large reward will only be given out when there is catastrophic damage at the level of the monster's great invasion <<Flood>> which happens a few times over the course of several years.

If there are no special situations like that, every month a fixed amount of money would be paid by the country or town, etc., and is reduced to a part of the reward for a request made to the adventurers.

A boy, no, a young man who has come of age, paid a visit to such an Adventurer's Guild.

Yes, that young man was Myne.



“So this is the Guild, it’s my first time entering, huh.....”

Unintentionally, I looked around me restlessly.

As I did that, I found Keith-san, the C-rank adventurer who was on the same carriage as me on the way back from the capital.

Besides him, I also happen to see the other adventurers from that time.

Keith-san and the others were standing in front of a large board which looked like a notice board with their arms folded, and it seems like they are looking at the papers affixed onto the board with a serious expression.

[Their expression is really serious, what are they looking at, I wonder.....]

I became very curious at what they were looking at, but first let’s ask various questions at the reception.

Even if I become an adventurer, as expected information is still necessary.

I lined up at the counter with the shortest line, and waited for my turn.

Then, my turn came around and I greeted the beautiful onee-san at the reception.

“Good morning!”

She was probably surprised at my greeting, as the onee-san showed a dumbfounded expression for a moment, but immediately a smile surfaced as she replied with a “Good morning”.

“Etto, my name is Myne.

Actually I just came of age the day before yesterday..... Today I came because I am interested in becoming an adventurer, but there are some parts which I don’t really understand, so I thought that I should learn about it. “

Hearing my words, the onee-san once again showed a surprised expression.

Huh? I can't ask questions here?

".....Sorry, was I being a bother?"

While I was feeling dejected, the onee-san flustered, shook her head as she heard my question and replied "No, it's nothing like that".

".....Really? You don't mind? "

I thought that she was probably taking care of my feelings, and I asked again while feeling dejected.

"It's really nothing like that, sorry.

You see, a lot of adventurers are rowdy.

However, Myne-kun is really polite so I was surprised. *"(TLN: Myne usually speaks in polite language with other people, but not when talking to himself.)"*

Even if you say 'a lot', since I don't understand it that's why I came..... so I thought while feeling relieved.

"That's good, I feel relieved."

"And, what did you wanted to ask?"

Since I've already prepared what I wanted to ask beforehand, I asked them one by one.

Thus what I understood was

- A Guild Card will be issued if one registers, which can be used as a formal identification document.
- The guild is generally a place to mediate the requests as work for adventurers.
- There are ranks for adventurers, and by completing requests the rank will gradually increase, and will be able to receive requests with a better reward.
- There are four types of request: "Subjugation" "Harvesting" "Escort" "Special".

To rank up, it is necessary to receive requests equally.

A request which involves the life and death of people in the town where rank does not matter is called an “Emergency Request” and it is a compulsory duty to accept it.

- Materials obtained from quests or outside quests can be sold.

- There is no need for guild members to pay the tax directly.

A part of the request reward will be deducted beforehand for the tax.

- If no requests are accepted in a long time, one will be expelled from the guild, and the country will claim the unpaid tax from when one was still a guild member.

It is roughly like this.

Depending on the request received, it is necessary to go to distant towns and dungeons as I thought.

Yes, it seems like there’s a lot of merit for me.

However, because I want to hide my skills, it is probably hard for me to join a party in accepting a request.

“Thank you for teaching me even though you are busy.

Hearing your explanation, I’m determined to become an adventurer. “

As I gave my thanks and said as such, the onee-san smiled and answered “I’m glad to be of help”.

While thinking a beauty’s smile really makes one feel lively, I also unintentionally smiled.

“So, you want to become an adventurer?”

As I answered “Yes! “at the onee-san’s question, I could hear a rough voice from behind me.

“Tch, a brat wants to become an adventurer? Are you looking down on us?!”

Yeah, somehow a bothersome thing happened.

CHAPTER 10

THE GUILD CHIEF APPEARED

“Tch, a kid wants to become an adventurer? Don’t you look down on us”

Yup, it seems like this is going to be troublesome.

“Hyold-san, quarrels inside the guild are prohibited.”

The onee-san shouted a warning at the adventurer.
However, it doesn’t seem to have any effect at all.

“Aisha-chan, this isn’t a quarrel, I’m just going to teach the reality to this kid who doesn’t know his place. Just shut up and watch.”

I see, if you deal with this kind of people regularly, you will be surprised at my greetings and speech.
I have understood this in a strange place.

Ah, this Onee-chan’s name is Aisha, let’s remember that.

Name : Hyold
Race : Hume
Gender : Male
Age : 29 years old
Occupation : Adventurer (D Rank)
[Skill]
Axe
Support Magic · Gradual Restoration Small (Stamina)

So he’s a Rank D adventurer, he has fairly good Skills.
I’ll observe the situation, if he looks like a bad guy, then maybe I’ll take away his skills.

“Oi, shitty brat! Thanks to this Hyold-sama’s teachings, I saved your life, so hand over all your money as reward”

Hmm? Did he teach me anything? I don't understand anything he said.

"Etto..... Hyold-san, was it? Did I receive any teachings from you? I have no idea, though....."

The adventurers inside the guild burst out in laughter at the exchange we had.

"Oi oi Hyold, isn't he not taking you as an opponent? You're getting looked down upon by a brat, you know"

An adventurer raised his voice, pointing and laughing at Hyold.
The other adventurers laughed harder at that.

The source of the laughter, Hyold, had his face turned red and started shouting.

"Don't screw around, you shitty brat! If you don't understand, I'll teach you physically!!"

Saying that, he raised his fist and threw it towards me.

I can dodge it, but if I do, it might go wrong and hit Aisha-san, the receptionist lady.
I can't forgive something like that.

It can't be helped, I'll let him hit me.
I've made a lot of potions, so I probably won't die.

I firmly guarded against the shock, and clenched my teeth.

"Dogo" *(TLN: As in hitting something, not doggo.)*

As Hyold's fist hit my right cheek, the shock sent me flying from my seat, and my back violently collided with the counter.

"Ouch"

I then collapsed onto the floor on my back.

Aisha-san exposed an expression of anger, and among the adventurers were whistles and cheers.

While I frantically endured the pain which almost made me lose consciousness, I plundered both the asshole's skills.

I formed a smile, saying 'serves you right' in my heart, as Cut & Paste finished without a hitch.

However, thinking that I was laughing at him, Hyold trampled on my stomach with full strength.

"Gu"

Seeing me who was fainting in agony, he felt refreshed, and with the foot that was trampling me, he put in strength in grinding as he crushed me.

As expected, this was unpleasant.....

My consciousness was then cut off.



"What happened? It's awfully noisy downstairs, did some idiot do something again?"

Leaving the office, I went towards the first floor.

As I neared the stairs, I was able to clearly hear the racket.

"Oi oi Hyold, isn't he not taking you as an opponent? You're getting looked down upon by a brat, you know"

Hmm, the one who kicked up this fuss was that Hyold, huh. How many times does this make? I should prepare to give him a severe punishment this time.

"Don't screw around, you shitty brat! If you don't understand, I'll teach you physically!!"

When I finally reached the stairs' landing, the scene entered my eyes.

That Hyold had his fist aimed at a young man sitting on the reception.

Hm, that young man....., though he could dodge, he clenched his teeth.

Since he might involve Aisha if he dodge, huh.

His action and resolution doesn't fit his age. He's quite good.

He shows promise for a youth.

Naturally, the young man was hit and fell to the ground.

“Shit”

Hyold that bastard, is he trying to kill him!?

As expected, I can't just watch after seeing him putting strength in crushing the collapsed young man's stomach.

“Stop it, you idiot!”

I shouted at Hyold with a voice which resounded throughout the whole guild.

Everyone sent their gaze towards me.

““““G, Guild leader.....”““““

“Hey, what's this commotion about? Huh, Hyold”

My voice echoed throughout the whole floor which had turned deathly silent.

As I sent a stare full of bloodthirst at Hyold, he trembled and started giving his excuse.

“T, This is that, that education, giving this unruly shitty brat guidance as a senpai in the guild!”

“Is this like the last time you said this, where you picked a fight with a promising newbie, and then made him leave the guild? Haa?”

I remembered my irritation at this idiot who keeps repeating the same stupid excuse.

“You told me this before didn't you? That you've repented and this won't happen twice..... Oh, was it a lie?”

“Of course not! I didn't lie to you, I've repented you see, I didn't do anything bad, the fault is with this shitty brat”

Insisting that he's right to the very end, huh. Very well.
I'll confirm this.

“Hou, Aisha. Is what this idiot saying the truth?”

Despite being confused at suddenly being in the conversation, Aisha answered according to my wishes.

“No, he’s not. He picked a fight with “a civilian who isn’t an adventurer, furthermore a young man who had just come of age”, and demanded money from him.”

Hearing Aisha’s answer, Hyold’s face was dyed in red again, and started raving.

“D, don’t joke around! I didn’t do anything like that, don’t you say irresponsible things!”

“Furthermore, when the young man rejected his demand, and suddenly hit “him who is a civilian”“

“I understand now, Aisha. For the time being, you’ll immediately bring that young man to the medical room. Leave the rest to me”

Nodding to my instructions, Aisha, along with another receptionist lady, carried the young man to the medical room.

Even though it’s a serious injury, he won’t die with this. I’ll need to give that young man apology money from the guild later.

After confirming that Aisha-tachi has left my sight, I quietly descend from the stairs. *(TLN: -tachi means ‘and others’. Basically the ‘others’ is the other receptionist girl.)*

“Hey, Hyold..... won’t you tell me? Since when in the world was it okay for an adventurer..... a D rank adventurer, at that, to raise their hand against an ordinary child?”

I asked a question lavished with bloodthirst to Hyold.

“I, I said I’m not at fault right? Naa, please forgive me..... I won’t do it again, absolutely, will not do it again, okay?”

“How many times does this make? You saying those words to me?”

“It’s also absolutely this time. I didn’t lie to you, really! Please believe me”

“No, as expected, I can’t believe that anymore, are you looking down on me..... on the guild?”

To err again and again, and this time he even raised his hand against a civilian. I can’t possibly absolve him of his crime, if he really think I will forgive him for this, then he’s really a mindless idiot.

“I’ll give you two choices. First is that you pay ten platinum coins as breach of contract, and expelled from the guild.”

“D, don’t joke around, as if I’ll accept that! Don’t screw with me!!!”

“The other is, before leaving the guild, cut off both of your arms now to pay the debt. Choose whichever you like”

An adventurer the guild has accepted, and furthermore a D rank, raising his hand against a civilian and finally killing him and such, is an action looking down on the guild’s trust.

For it to happen until this, to the society, it’s a blunder which may be called still lukewarm/unstrict.

“.....You bastard, I refuse both of them!!!!”

This idiot, I’ll fucking let you have the worst.
Pointing a weapon towards me.

However, something’s not right. Raising his voice, the axe he swung with all his strength, that strike had relatively little sharpness.
A strike unbecoming of a D rank adventurer.

..... I don’t think he’s taking it easy but, whatever. It doesn’t matter what he’s scheming.

I drew the two-handed sword I carried on my back, and cut off both of Hyold’s arms from the shoulder.
I had planned to encircle him, but it ended fairly quickly, huh..... whatever then.

“Ugaaaa, m, my aaaarms~~~~”

Since he doesn't have his arms anymore, his life as an adventurer has ended. He'll have to live quietly from now on.

While thinking as such, I casually sprinkled high-grade potion on his shoulders. This is after all compensation, it's not like I want to kill him.

I then said in a loud voice towards those within the guild.

“Okay, I won't tell you to act irreproachably towards the adventurers. However, you shall abide by the rules decided by the adventurer's guild.”

My voice unexpectedly resounded among the adventurers who were making a stir at the tragedy inside the guild.

“Those who can't abide by the rules, those uninterested in abiding, and those who hold the guild's sanctity in contempt, cannot enter the guild. Get out immediately”

so I declared, and started walking towards the medical room.

CHAPTER 11

GUILD REGISTRATION AND THE EXCLUSIVE RECEPTIONIST

“.....An unfamiliar ceiling”

As I opened my eyes, a view I have never seen before entered my sight.

“Ah, Myne-kun..... You’ve woken up? Thank goodness.”

Perhaps my muttering was heard, I heard a woman’s voice.

I think I’ve heard this voice somewhere before..... where was it.....?

As my mind was in a mess, I couldn’t collect my thoughts well.

What in the world happened to me?

While my mind was in a mess, an extremely beautiful onee-san entered my view.

I’ve seen this person before, this receptionist..... Aisha-san, was it?

Ah, I’m starting to remember.

An adventurer named Hyold picked a fight with me, I was hit by him and my stomach was trampled with full strength.

I’ve don’t have any memories since then, which means I lost consciousness then, I think.

“.....Where is this?”

After I enquired from Aisha-san, she wore an expression of relief from the bottom of her heart and replied “It’s the Guild Medical Room”.

I see, Aisha-san was the one who brought me here, I have to say my thanks.

“Thank you very much for helping me, onee-san.”

After I expressed my gratitude, before Aisha-san responded, I heard a man's voice.

"Sorry..... Myne-kun, was it? I am the Guild Master, Bazzam. I, as the guild master, sincerely apologise."

A man who called himself the guild master suddenly appeared, bowed deeply at me and spoke words of apology

"No no, not at all. It should be me who should be sorry for troubling you."

As I replied, Bazzam-san said "Eh?" and showed a surprised look.

"Guild Master, Myne-kun is like this, you know."

Aisha-san, for some reason, had a triumphant look on her face as she addressed the guild master.

"No, sorry. Since I've only been talking to the those guys who use rougher tones, hearing your polite speech surprised me."

Come to think of it, Aisha-san also said something like that.

"Now then, the man called Hyold who picked a fight with you, I've handed him his punishment just now on behalf of the guild."

With the previous topic settled, Bazzam-san started talking about the cause of me sleeping here.

"Punishment?"

"Ah, I've expelled him from the guild and cut off both of his arms."

Cut off his arms!? Seriously?

I reflexively pulled back hearing those dangerous words he suddenly uttered.

Probably realising my expression, Bazzam-san grinned broadly and told me directly.

"That guy didn't just break the rules once or twice. Furthermore, this time he's guilty of trying to kill an ordinary person."

As he said that, he glanced at me and continued.

“If I didn’t act then you’d definitely be dead by now. As the guild master I can’t overlook this, he wouldn’t be able to live freely up until now with his arms cut. Well, he got what he deserved”

I feel like it is overkill, but if the guild master says so.

At any rate, since the punishment has been handed out, it won’t matter even if I say anything.

“Therefore, this incident was completely due to our guild’s incompetence. We will give 20 gold coins as compensation, take it from Aisha after this.”

“Eh? That..... Isn’t 20 gold too much money!? I can’t accept it!!”

“No, the guild also has to keep up its appearance. We’ll be troubled if you don’t accept it, so please understand.”

As he said that, the guild master stood up from his seat, said “Goodbye” and left the medical room.

While I was flabbergasted at the rapid development, I came to when Aisha-san cleared her throat.

“Sorry, even though he acted like that, he is worried about you, you know?”

said she as she gave me a wink, and followed-up for the guild master.

“Now then, I would like to properly apologise.Also, thanks. For taking the hit to protect me.”

“N, no, it’s only because I don’t like a girl being hit..... besides, it’s originally my fault that he picked a fight.....”

“Yes, but remember that I am grateful to you, ne”

“Ah, yes.....”

Somehow, it was forcibly concluded.

As expected, there's this feeling of an older woman.

"Well then, let's proceed with our talk. About registering for the guild, you still haven't changed your mind?"

Ah, right. I came here to join the guild, I've completely forgot about it because of the disturbance.

"Yes, please take care of me."

I bowed and gave my affirmation, Aisha-san smiled sweetly and continued.

"Understood, it's not mainly for an apology for this time's incident, but I am assigned as Myne-kun's exclusive receptionist."

Exclusive receptionist? What's that? An unfamiliar word appeared again. Though I still didn't understand and was confused, she continued talking.

"Ah, I haven't introduced myself, have I? I am Aisha. Aisha · Laurel! Please take care of me, Myne-kun♪"

"Eh? Um, Aisha-san, please take care of me too..... not!? What is an exclusive receptionist!?"

"Exclusive receptionists are receptionists designated upon special adventurers by the guild master and are exclusive to them. So, as an apology for this time, Guild Master Bazzam assigned me as an exclusive receptionist to you."

Exclusive, does it mean that when I don't come Aisha-san wouldn't be working!? I'm extremely sorry for that.

"No no no no, as you can see, I'm weak, and will trouble Aisha-san, you know!? Please let me off"

"Don't worry, even though it's called exclusive, I'll still work as usual, you know? It only means that I will attend to you if you come, so don't worry."

Afterwards, I tried putting up resistance, but since it has already been decided, I couldn't change the fact that she was now my exclusive receptionist.

CHAPTER 12

OBTAINED THE GUILD CARD!

“Are you okay already? If so, let’s head on to the guild counter. I’ll issue the card there”

With Aisha-san’s prompt, I took a look at my condition, and there doesn’t seem to be a problem.

Even though I took that much damage, as expected of the guild’s medical facilities, there are a lot of skilled medics.

“Yes, I am alright.”

Seeing me getting up from my bed, Aisha-san started walking.
Seeing that I hurriedly followed her.

“Would you please sit here?”

I was led to a different counter from when the trouble happened, and sat on the chair. It is a little separated from the previous counter, somehow I had an impression that this place was the only independent and special place.

“It seems like it is different from the previous counter.....?”

I tried asking Aisha-san.

“Yes, this place is for the exclusive use for adventurers who have an exclusive receptionist, and there’s no need to line up like the ordinary counters.”

Oh, it’s true that it would be a smoother process here, and I feel that the reception would be considerably warmer.

While I was thinking as such, I looked at the counter I lined up at, and even now there’s still a lot of people lining up.

“Well then, would you please fill in the necessary information on this paper? If you need help in writing it, tell me.”

“It’s okay, I can write by myself.”

I filled in information like my name, age and address, and after roughly checking it, I submitted it to Aisha-san.

While checking the documents she received, she started talking to me.

“Oh, you live in your own house, huh, Myne-kun..... So you’re an apprentice hunter~”

While I chatted for a while with Aisha-san, she finished checking the documents.

“Okay, there isn’t anything wrong with the documents, wait for a while and I’ll make your card for you.”

She returned the documents and disappeared into the back of the room.

“O, oi? Did you see that..... Aisha-san, became that youngster’s exclusive receptionist right?”

“Eh? Seriously? That’s not possible, right? She never agreed no matter how high-ranked an adventurer begs?”

“But, only adventurers who have exclusive receptionists can process at that counter right?”

While I was waiting, when I tried listening on the other adventurers’ conversation, I learned that Aisha-san is quite the famous receptionist.

Is it really okay for a beginner like me..... although the person herself doesn’t care, I felt really uneasy.

.....To calm my heart, I appraised my own skills.

Name: Myne

LV : 7

Race: Hume

Gender : Male

Age : 15 y/o

Occupation : Apprentice hunter

[Skill]

Appraisal · Complete LV2 (3/200)

Cut & Paste (9/200)

Dagger · Extreme (14/50)

Two-handed Blade (0/50)

Axe (0/50)

Leg Strength Enhancement · Small (22/50)

Sight Enhancement · Moderate (10/50)

Swift Feet (Small) (22/50)

Strong Arm (10/50)

Magic · Wind (12/50)

Support Magic · Speed Reduction (2/50)

Support Magic · Sleep (1/50)

Support Magic · Gradual Small Recovery (0/50)

Cooking (1/50)

Needlework (0/50)

Etiquette (0/50)

Art of Negotiation (2/50)

Alchemy (6/50)

.....Eh?

EEEEEEEEEEHHHHHHHHH!!!!?

Something chaaanged!?

What is this, this level!!!!?? It's my first time hearing it though!?

Incomprehensible numbers appeared at the back of the skills?

I had planned on calming my heart, instead I ended up making my heart pound.....

While I was trembling at the appraisal results which had suddenly changed, Aisha-san who finished her job returned.

“Ara? What’s with the amusing look? You’re making a funny face, Myne-kun!”

..... I was laughed at.

It was extremely embarrassing. I wish I could just disappear.

“Sorry for making you wait, this will be your card.”

As she said that, she handed me a ochre-coloured metal card with a pink border.

Engraved on it was my name and the word “F”.

And for some reason on the lower right, “Lucas: Aisha” was written.

“The pink border on the card means that there is an exclusive receptionist. By the way, pink is my favourite colour.”

According to Aisha-san.

The colour and material of the card determines the adventurers rank.

F is ochre, E is yellow, D is grey, C is bronze, B is silver, A is golden, S is black.

The materials for F-D seems to be bronze, C is copper, B is silver, A is gold, and S is platinum.

Since my rank is F, my card is ochre-coloured.

Also, the card can act as an identification document.

The proof of citizenship I have is only valid in the Augusta Kingdom which includes the Town of Lucas, but the guild card is valid in all towns.

It seems that it is also valid even in rural areas without guilds.

It's very reliable, this adventurer's guild.

Because of the credibility, Hyold whose conduct will sway that trust was severely punished by the guild master.

If I were to decrease the guild's credibility, naturally I will be punished, so I should be responsible for my actions, Aisha-san strongly warned me.

“Then, the apology money which guild master told you about just now in the medical room has been put in this card.”

Apology money has been “put in”? What does that mean?

She probably noticed me making a ‘I-don't-understand’ expression.

Aisha-san smiled sweetly and explained it to me.

“The guild has a service to look after the money, and can be withdrawn in any guild around the world. Information about deposited money is recorded in the card.”

I see, that means that the 20 gold coins guild master mentioned is recorded in this card.

I feel extremely grateful to the guild for safekeeping the money.

If I were to buy equipment, the excess money will be stored.

“Also, when you want to receive a request, you don’t need to go to the counters over there, but come to this counter even if your receptionist isn’t here. And, if you insert the card here, I’ll come! By the way, if you go are in other guilds then naturally it’s the general counters.”

Exclusive receptionist, amazing.

Getting along with a beautiful onee-san, and smooth guild processes.....

Others will be extremely envious of that.

“Incidentally, if a subjugation request is accepted, the number of monsters defeated will automatically be recorded in the card, so don’t worry.”

It’s certainly perfect, this card.

I wonder what kind of technology is used to build this.....

“Well then, this is the last one. You can reissue a lost card but there will be a handling fee so please be careful. The handling fee differs by rank, F~B will cost one gold coin.”

I’ve heard that long ago, there never ceased to be adventurers who lose their cards. Well, to the boorish adventurers, taking care of such a small thing will be quite hard huh.

Thus, to counter this, the guild implemented the handling fee for a reissue, and since then the number of lost card cases made a sudden drop.

After all, losing a card with such amazing features without reservation is unbearable, right.

I will also have to be careful as to not lose it.

Since all the explanations and procedures are finished, I expressed my gratitude to

Aisha-san, and left the guild.

With this, I am also officially an adventurer!

CHAPTER 13

THE RECEPTIONIST LADY'S THOUGHTS

“Has Myne-kun returned?”

The guild leader called out to me as he came across me.

“Yes, just now..... Since there was the incident with Hyold, I won't say that it went perfectly, but one way or another the adventurer registration was completed.

“I see, good work. However, it has been a long time but you've become an exclusive receptionist lady, huh? Even though you rejected the high rank adventurers' request.”

I had immediately volunteered when they were talking about assigning him with an exclusive receptionist as an apology.

It is true that until now, I had chances to become famous adventurers' exclusive receptionist.

Even if it seems like this, I pridefully believe that I can do my job.

Previously I had capitalised on my experience as a B-rank adventurer, and I think I also obtained trust from the adventurers.

Probably because of that, there had been quite a lot of adventurers who requested for me to become their exclusive.

However, none of them resounded in my heart, and I rejected all of them.

Among the ones that I rejected were as the guild leader said, a few high rankers.

For the adventurers, having an exclusive receptionist lady is a huge honour, it is one of the goals besides raising one's rank.

There are a great amount of adventurers who have high ranks but no exclusives.

That's true, since the number of receptionist ladies are overwhelmingly less compared to adventurers.

For the receptionist ladies, becoming exclusive to high rank adventurers have high

merits regarding wages and free time.

There are also girls who dream of becoming exclusives to high ranked adventurers, going out with them and then getting married.

And if I remember correctly, there have been many girls who got married in the past.

Therefore, receptionist ladies want, even if a little, to become exclusives to good adventurers, there is no need to give agreement.

Because of that, cases like me who reject high rank adventurers are considerably rare.

It think it is natural for the guild leader to feel strange when I took up being Myne-kun's exclusive.

"That's right, honestly even I myself was surprised. Since I never even dreamt of becoming an exclusive receptionist."

"I see, then why'd you accept?"

".....Let me see, if there was a reason, it would be him protecting me from Hyold's attack using his body, but the main reason is probably a "woman's intuition""

Yes, it's unreliable, but I accepted to become Myne's exclusive in accordance with my own intuition.

With a relatively excessive polite attitude in aiming to become an adventurer, the strength of his heart, protecting me when he knew I would be hit, the depth of his thoughts when he was pondering on inquiring before registering in the guild.

Above all else, when I saw that kid for the first time, my whole body felt something like an electric current.

When that something accumulated, I reflexively raised my hand.
He will definitely become a famous adventurer, so I had thought.

"I see, whatever then. You better properly support him as an exclusive."

Saying only that, the guild leader went back to his office.
I think he was definitely caring about Myne-kun.

By the way, the work of an exclusive receptionist lady, when the exclusive adventurer isn't here, is to give assistance and deal with work as usual such as during busy times.

However, in that situation, a red sign saying [Exclusive] will be put up at the reception counter.

In the case where this red sign is put up, when the adventurer the receptionist lady is in charge of comes to the guild, if she is in the middle of dealing with someone, other staff will change with her.

Understanding this, because of the lining up there aren't many disagreements.

But, naturally, or rather because of this line of work with many ruffians, once in a while there are some who ignore that and create disputes over it.

In such situations, the guild's staff who specialise in fighting scenes will promptly deal with it.

When there are no ordinary reception work to help out with, they obtain the acknowledgement from the guild leader for reserving requests suitable for the ability of the adventurer the receptionist is in charge of, acquiring information and others.

If the adventurer one is in charge of plays an active role, a big bonus will be added into the wages, so they will work frantically.

In addition, the guild's receptionist ladies adopt a 10 person system.

5 people will be in charge of the teller window as Tellers, and five will be auxiliary personnel called Stagehands.

The Tellers and Stagehands will be on rotation.

Stagehands will aid the tellers, working when the tellers are resting.

Naturally, when one of them becomes an exclusive receptionist lady, there will be a vacancy among the ten.

In such a situation, immediately a receptionist lady who is cancelled exclusive will fill this vacancy.

The cancelled exclusive is called a Waiter, and when the Tellers and Stagehands are taking their break, they will follow-up for them.

By the way, if the adventurer the exclusive receptionist lady is in charge of dies due to unforeseen circumstances, or if the adventurer stops being one, the exclusive is

naturally cancelled.

Precisely because it is a work involving life and death, cancellation of exclusive is a real thing and happens quite often.

In the case where the receptionist who has their exclusive cancelled cannot be adjusted into the vacancy, there will be a reselection.

Guild receptionists are only for women, because the job is extremely popular, recruitment will be quickly settled.

Though, the replacement will often be finished by Waiters, so there aren't many newcomers.

"Now then, since I don't think Myne-kun will come today, maybe I'll help out with the reception"

Putting the red sign in an available counter, as I sat on the stool, the adventurers I am familiar with came crowding.

"Aisha-chan, is it true you became an exclusive!?"

"Yes, it's true. I don't think he's coming here anymore today though"

"What's with that!? Even though you rejected me when I requested..... Why to the newbie who registered today!"

He is Lyle-san, a C-ranked adventurer who I had previously rejected to become an exclusive.

Well, it's true that we have to come to an understanding..... I probably have no choice but to say it honestly.

".....Hmm, if I had to give a reason, it's my intuition"

As I said that, Lyle-san trembled and his face turned bright red.

"Are you saying that that guy is more promising than me?"

"It's a little different from promising though..... Are you not pleased with that?"

".....Yeah, I'm not pleased with that. Very."

Saying that, he turned his back to the counter and walked out from the guild.

CHAPTER 14

WEAPON SHOP AND ARMOUR SHOP

Leaving the guild, I firstly went towards the weapon and armour shop. The two shops were built next to each other, and were ran by brothers.

The elder brother sells weapons, while the younger sells armour.

Actually I'm bothered by the appraisal results, but I've again come to know that I am weak just now in the guild.

As such, I prioritised getting my equipment in order.

Fortunately, there was an extra income and I also sold the materials for a high price.

"Good afternoon—!"

First I visited the weapons shop owned by the elder brother.

"Oh, if it isn't Myne, my boy. You're as lively as usual!"

Actually I visit this shop quite often.

I used a dagger when I hunted for game like rabbits, but no matter what maintenance is necessary.

Even though I do as much as I can, no matter what I can't carry out repairs.

At that time, I will rely on this shop. Furthermore, my father also had a good relationship with this shop. *(TLN: Basically the shopkeeper.)*

"Is today also for the dagger's maintenance?"

"No, today I want to buy new weapons....."

As I said that, he showed a greatly surprised expression.

"Not for dismantling but weapons used to battle? Will you be alright?"

Asking me with a worried face, it makes me happy.
Since he doesn't know about my skills, this kind of reaction is natural.

"Yes, it's because I received a skill when I came of age! I even defeated an orc yesterday"

"O, Orc, you say!? You soloed it by yourself!!!!?"

I've been told by the onii-san at the alchemy shop.
Orc is a monster hunted by C-ranks.

Well, anyone'd be surprised.

"It's true! Look at this"

As I said that, I handed over about 200g of orc's meat to oji-san.

"This orc meat, is today's share!"

To tell the truth, my father was very indebted to this weapon shop-san and armour shop-san, and shared a portion of the prey he caught with them.
I also shared prey with them, though it was only rabbit meat.

I've always given him rabbit, so I felt bad, but..... will he accept this, I wonder?

"Amazing, you really did hunt an orc....."

As oji-san said that, he looked fixedly, over and over at the meat I gave him.

".....Thanks, for giving me something so delicious. So, weapons was it? What do you need? Is it a dagger after all?"

"Yes, that's right. If you have a good dagger I would like to see it."

"Okay, what's your budget?"

"If it's okay I would like two daggers with a total of 10 gold coins or below."

Oji-san nodded and said I see, went inside the back of the shop to bring out the goods.

After about 5 minutes, he returned.

“Take a look at this one”

As he said that he showed me a steel dagger.
At first glance, it looked like a normal dagger.....

Name: Steel Dagger + 12
Attack: + 30
Grade: High
Attribute: None
Strong against: Humanoid

Hmm? What's this +12 attached to the name.

“It may look ordinary, but this fellow cuts terribly well. There are times when a skilled blacksmith is striking the equipment and in the middle it shines with a rainbow colour, and those who show such a phenomena will without a doubt display a special sharpness. And this is that exceptional dagger”

I see, the + was definitely attached when it shone.
What is the 12 though.

Oji-san continued his explanation.

“However, there seem to be a difference in sharpness among the shining weapons..... but I guarantee this fellow's sharpness.”

Oh, it looks quite good.
But what is this special attack? Oji-san didn't explain this though.....

Since oji-san doesn't have Appraisal, he can't see this detail.
That's why, he surely doesn't know, I think.

“Yes, this looks good! How much is it?”

Oji-san made a happy expression as his recommended dagger was complimented and answered.

“Hmm, it’s originally 12 gold coins, but you have a budget..... 8 gold coins’ll be enough.”

He decreased the price by 4 gold coins!? Is it okay, I wonder..... Even though I’m happy, I feel anxious. Oji-san will be losing money.

“I’m really glad but..... is it okay? Oji-san.” You’ll be losing money, you know?”

As I said my worry, oji-san immediately looked blankly at me and laughed out loudly.

“Uhahahahahaha, boy, a kid like you shouldn’t be worrying about an adult”

“.....Thanks, oji-san”

As I said my thanks, he was a little embarrassed and pointed at a shelf behind the counter.

“As for the other one, choose the one you like from that daggers shelf, any one of them’s better than the one you use for dismantling.”

As I was told that, I looked at the shelf.

I tried appraising them and they definitely look the same.

Hm, wait..... somehow a strange one is mixed among them.

Name: Dagger of Origin

Attack: + 10

Grade: None

Attribute: Growth

Strong against: None

What is this, it seems strange.....

It’s pitch black from the blade to the grip but it doesn’t seem to be different from the other daggers.

Even so, I am curious about something.

It has a weird name, and I don’t know what’s the meaning of the growth attribute.

Uun, since it's not much different from the others, I'll choose this.

"Oji-san, I'll choose this. How much is it?"

"Hou, 60 silver coins will be good."

I paid oji-san for the both the daggers, and expressed my gratitude.

"Thank you for the fine goods! I'll cherish it"

"Yeah, don't do the impossible okay boy? After all you can't do anything if you're dead"

Next is the armour shop.

"Good afternoon!"

The younger brother is already married, only his wife is at the counter.

"Ara, Myne-kun, good afternoon—! That dagger, by any chance did you buy it from brother-in-law?"

"Yes! Oji-san sold me excellent goods! And this is the usual thanks!"

As I said that, I handed the orc meat to the wife, and she was very surprised but immediately smiled sweetly.

"Amazing, it's orc meat! Thanks for always, Myne-kun"

"No no, well then, I've want to buy a set of leather equipment but..... can I buy a complete set with 10 gold coins?"

As I said that, the wife put a finger to her lips, and thought about it.

"Un, we've been indebted to Myne-kun....."

As she said that, she took out a set of equipment.

"Up until now, Myne has been using rabbit leather armour, right? This is Black Wolf

leather armour, so I think the defence will be considerably increased”

A, amazing!? Black Wolf leather armour, is equipment used by C-ranks and above!? It is definitely unreasonable for 10 gold coins.

“Eh? How much is it? I don’t have that much of a budget.....”

“10 gold coins will be enough, it looks really neat but it is a second-hand. Because it has never been used even once for some reason, and was returned to us.”

I’m curious about this “reason”, but if she says that..... is it okay?

I thanked the onee-san, and paid for the equipment.

Yosh, with this, I’ve prepared both weapons and armour.

Let’s return home and think about the appraisal results.

CHAPTER 15

LEVEL UP, A WORLD ONLY I KNOW

Now then, I've finally reached home.

Even though I only registered in the guild, I didn't expect that it was more tiring than when I went hunting.

Quenching my thirst with water from the well, I threw myself on my bed and looked up at the ceiling.

.....Let's try appraising.

Name : Myne

LV : 7

Race : Hume

Gender : Male

Age : 15 years

Occupation : Adventurer (Rank F)

[Skill]

Appraisal · Complete LV2 (4/200)

Cut & Paste (9/200)

Dagger · Extreme (14/50)

Two-handed Blade (0/50)

Axe (0/50)

Leg Enhancement · Small (22/50)

Sight Enhancement · Moderate (10/50)

Swift Feet (Small) (22/50)

Strong Arm (10/50)

Magic · Wind (12/50)

Support Magic · Speed Reduction (2/50)

Support Magic · Sleep (1/50)

Support Magic · Gradual Restoration Small (Stamina) (0/50)

Cooking (1/50)

Needlework (0/50)

Etiquette (0/50)

Art of Negotiation (3/50)

Alchemy (6/50)

U~n, as expected something changed in the display.

The one I'm curious about is definitely the "LV".

Why did it suddenly increase, or rather what is LV?

I've never heard of it up until now.....

There's also a LV attached to the back of Appraisal.

The LV at my place is 7 while 2 behind Appraisal's, I wonder what's between the numbers.

And there's another incomprehensible digit behind Appraisal..... it's changed from when I saw it at the guild!?

When I saw it at the guild it was (3/200), it's raised from 2 to 3.

Ah, wait.

If I don't understand I can appraise it, I completely forgot when I was surprised and stunned.

[LV] : Read as level. The digit shows the strength, the higher the number, the stronger it is. By defeating enemies, experience will be obtained, and when a fixed amount is accumulated, the level will rise. By raising the Skill level, the skill proficiency level will rise.

Uwa~. I somehow knew something amazing.....

I see, since up until now there was no **[Appraisal: Level]** in my **[Appraisal: Complete]**, nobody in the world knows about it.

Probably, when using Appraisal the proficiency level, probably the numbers behind it in the ()....., when this was collected, it became level 2.

Because Appraisal reached level 2, the concept of level can be appraised, probably

something like this.

Me raising my level to 7 was surely because I defeated the orcs.

.....Thinking about it again, but [Appraisal : Complete] is an outrageous skill, huh.

Though I've never seen it in this world before, I can see everything about it..... In other words, levels and proficiency level which only I know about will appear from hereafter.

Knowing this or not knowing this, will probably have an overwhelming difference in efficiency in becoming stronger.

In the first place, I haven't confirm whether a skill will become stronger when I use it.

For some reason, the feeling of becoming stronger is a sensation of the people. And when that is mastered, one will feel that their ability is raised.

That's why they don't think it's "The more you use it, the stronger it'll become" .

If they know, surely they'll put in great effort to raise their level.

.....But, since they don't know, they can't become stronger anymore, except if by chance.

However, I know. No, I accidentally knew.

Won't this become an outrageous advantage as an adventurer.

I've no choice but to accept guild requests immediately tomorrow.

I won't only be able to obtain a new skill, I'll even be able to strengthen my present skills.

And if I raise my own level, I'll become even stronger.

I think Aisha-san who became my exclusive receptionist lady will also surely be delighted.

Yosh, yosh, yosh! My motivation's rapidly gushing forth!

Thanks to the skills I received from God, my life has really changed, and is heading

towards an excitingly good direction!

It's won't be enough no matter how much I give my thanks, huh.

God, I truly truly thank you.

After I expressed my thanks to God from the bottom of my heart, I made dinner and went to sleep.

Ah, it's definitely thanks to the Cooking skill that the meal was very delicious!

Good night.



“Why! Why is this happening!”

A loud voice reverberates in the bar, which immediately disappear into the noise, and disappeared.

“Calm down Lyle”

The one who shouted in the loud voice was Lyle, an adventurer who wanted Aisha to become his own exclusive receptionist lady.

Because he was cursing Aisha in the guild, his comrades brought him to the bar.

By the way, in the situation where an adventurer who is in a party has an exclusive receptionist lady attached to him, that receptionist lady will also receive the party.

However, if the exclusive adventurer leaves the party temporarily or permanently, the party member will not be received.

In other words, if Aisha is Lyle's exclusive, as long as the party members are still in the party, it's the same as having an exclusive receptionist.

“In the first place, the guild leader's is still a guild leader! Why did he fucking approve to give a newbie like him an exclusive!”

Lyle banged the table with all his strength.

His party members said “good grief” and while pacifying Lyle, they agreed with him.

“As if I'll come to an understanding! I, I am more worthy of Aisha! Even though I'm

almost becoming a B ranker!”

Once again, he knocked the table, grabbed the poured out ale, and drank it all in one go.

As he finished drinking it, he hit the beer mug to the table with a ‘Bang!’, then urged for seconds in a loud voice.

“Ora! Gimme another ale!”

Lyle’s party members soon raised their hands at Lyle who was in quite the bad mood.

“Oi, Lyle. I understand what you’re feeling, but don’t get carried away”

“Yeah, look around you, those guys are irritated and glaring over here, you know”

Even though his party members persuaded him, Lyle turned a deaf ear.

On the contrary, he started provoking them when he heard that they were glaring at him.

“Aah? What? You have a problem with me? Worthless bastards like you taking such a cheeky attitude with me, you’re too eearly for that!”

Saying that, he took the beer mug on the table which contained the ale his party members were drinking, and splashed the ale at the adventurers who were glaring at him.

As expected, going that far, the other adventurers were obviously unable to stay silent. Adventurers are the type of people who extremely hate having their face crushed.
(TLN: Face as in honour)

Unable to keep their manners, it is impossible for them to stay silent when they were splashed with ale by a fool making a ruckus at the bar.

Naturally, it became a big scuffle.

Lyle’s party members said ‘I can’t do this’, and ran away. Of course, Lyle, the culprit behind the tussle, was deserted.

The one who attacked wasn’t only the man who had ale splashed on him, the adventurers who were fed up with Lyle’s noisiness surrounded him.

The numbers swelled up to about 10 people.

No matter how competent or confident one is, there is no way to put up a good fight against 10 people in a drunk condition after gulping down ale.

Lyle who was beaten up was then thrown out of the store.

“.....Ku, Everything, everything is that brat’s fault....., I’ll kill him..... I’ll fucking kill him”



At the same time, in a certain room in the capital.....

“The young man I mentioned last time who was bestowed [Appraisal : Complete], had defeated an orc by himself”

“Oh, that’s amazing. Defeating an orc by himself just after coming of age, huh. [Appraisal : Complete] isn’t a combat skill, right?”

“Yes, of course”

“.....Was he bestowed with any other skills?”

“If I remember correctly..... there was also [Cut & Paste]”

“Hm? What’s that..... From the name, isn’t it a skill with [Cut] and [Paste] together?”

“Yes, that’s how it seems. None of them are important skills, so I didn’t report this.....”

“Only this two?..... Both of them aren’t combat skills, what’s the meaning of this?”

“I do not know.....”

“That young man seems to have some secret, huh? It seems like it will be interesting to try meeting him once”

Without the knowledge of the person himself, Myne’s gears of fate was starting to move greatly.

What exactly does Myne’s fate await him?

CHAPTER 16

FIRST REQUEST, SLIME THE WEAKEST MONSTER

Morning, before it was even bright, I woke up, prepared my equipment, and went hunting in the usual forest.

Since I'm planning to receive my first request today, I wanted to first test the new knife I had bought yesterday.

Though I encountered caterpillars and sheep, for the sake of raising the proficiency level I only used wind magic to kill them.

After I defeated a few caterpillars etc., I finally managed to encounter an orc.

"Now then, I wonder how's my new weapon"

While muttering such, I prepared and first of all I plundered the skills from my prey, the orc.

Since I already have the skills, I pasted them on a suitable spot on the ground.

Casting [Strong Arm] and [Leg Enhancement·Small] on myself, [Support Magic·Speed Reduction] and [Support Magic·Sleep] on the orc, the battle then started.

Previously it was also like this, and I felt that the [Support Magic·Sleep] was not very effective.

Probably because this time it was also resisted, and didn't show its effects.

I wonder if it would be more effective on a monster weaker than orcs?

Or it might be more effective if its proficiency level was increased.

[Support Magic·Speed Reduction] appeared to be effective one way or another, as the orc's movements had noticeably slowed.

After confirming the situation, I who had been aiming at the orc started running.

"My body can somehow move better than before, is this the effect of levelling up?"

While thinking such things, I fired [Magic·Wind] at the orc's feet.

The orc with its movements dulled was unable to dodge the [Magic·Wind], and was then hit directly by it.

With its feet mangled, it couldn't control its feet well and fell to the front.

I fired another shot of [Magic·Wind] at the orc who fell face first.

[Buoooooooo!!!]

At the moment it was screaming and struggling in pain, I slashed at its right arm with my new steel dagger.

".....Eh?"

The resistance when I cut off the flesh the other day was not felt at all, and the orc's right arm was severed and tumbled to the ground.

I then slid the dagger horizontally, as expected no resistance was felt and the orc's head was cut off horizontally in half.

There wasn't any resistance from the skull, and I couldn't conceal my shock.

"What, this sharpness..... was guaranteed by oji-san, right"

Of course I think [Strong Arm] played a big role in this.

Even so, the sensation from cutting the flesh this time was way too different from previous battles.

Orcs originally have extremely tough skin, edged tools can't easily cut through it. I cut that up in literally a blink of an eye.

With this dagger, it seems that just as oji-san said, there's no doubt that I will be considerably at ease in battles from now on.

While expressing my heartfelt thanks to oji-san, I dismantled the orc I had just defeated using [Cut], and tossed it into the Storage Bag.

Since it's gradually becoming brighter, it's probably okay to go to the guild, huh. While thinking that, I went back to my home once.

Of course I did not forget to use [Swift Feet] and [Leg Enhancement · Small].
I have to increase the proficiency level this way, even if by a little.

Naturally I continuously used [Appraisal · Complete] on trees, grass, etc. on the way while moving.

Thus, the hunt for this morning ended peacefully.



“Good morning!”

I immediately went to the counter for exclusive receptionist ladies, and inserted my guild card.

As I did that, Aisha-san came along at once, as she had explained to me yesterday.

“Morning Myne-kun.Ara you’ve bought new equipment haven’t you? It looks quite good on you. Is that Black Wolf leather? That armour”

When Aisha-san told me that I looked good, I inadvertently blushed.

Getting the material for the armour right with one glance, as expected Aisha-san is an amazing person, huh.

“You’re accepting requests from today on right? First let’s raise your rank to E by finishing requests quickly”

Saying that, she showed me three pieces of written requests.

“I got these three for Myne-kun using the authority of an exclusive, I’ll be explaining now so would you please listen?”

Aisha-san found these requests for my sake, even if I didn’t listen to her explanation I will still accept it, but listening properly and not getting injured, I’ll work hard so that I can come back here safely.

The first one Aisha-san showed me was unexpectedly “Slime Subjugation”.

Speaking of slimes, they are the weakest monsters, famous for being able to be defeated even if you don’t have an understanding of combat, as long as you are careful.

Though I am a F rank, I don't understand the reason as to why slimes are made my opponents, when I had just come of age.

"Slimes..... is it?"

Probably realising the troubled face I was making, Aisha-san let out a giggle and explained the reason.

"Actually, slime oil had run out in the town of Lunawan, to the point where it's interfering with their lives, and if this continues, it will surely be dreadful"

Slime oil is a fuel used in households as illumination and in lanterns used by adventurers diving into labyrinths, etc.

There are even people who rear slimes to obtain the material.

It is an indispensable fuel for maintaining towns, the slime oil.

Such an important thing for the livelihood of humans, seems to have run out in the town of Lunawan, a place quite far from here.

It seems that some stupid thieves who entered the town of Lunawan to steal things, had set the town on fire when escaping.

Unfortunately, the place where they set fire to was near a storehouse for slime oil, and then was burned all at once.

Furthermore, the direction the flames spread to was bad, and it seems that it even completely burnt the cultivated slimes.

Of course there were oil stored for emergencies, but it will naturally be consumed as time goes on.

Then, it seems that the town mayor of Lunawan put up a relief request at the guild.

"Slimes by itself, are as we know, the weakest monsters, so you won't earn money at the place you hunt them, and it won't be evaluated as contribution towards the guild. However, since such a situation happened, though not much money can be earned, the guild contribution point is nothing to be sneezed at. At least until the supply is stable....."

As she said that, Aisha-san said "Do you understand up until here?" and smiled.

I see, it surely is quite tasty.

“But, since it’s such an unpleasant situation, was it okay to bring me this request as an exclusive?”

“Good job realising it, actually this request is only reserved for today. The official announcement is planned from tomorrow, only exclusives can accept this first.”

I then listened to Aisha-san in more detail.

“For now Lunawan is borrowing oil little by little from each town, they are able to avoid danger for the time being. That’s why you can rest at ease”

Okay, I see.

If it’s like that, then it’s probably okay.

Reserving it for us exclusives, if we’re unable to gather enough it will be terrible. Of course, I’ll try to get a lot, but no matter what, there will be a limit by myself.

“I understand! Please accept that for me!!”

“I understand! There are two more requests though.....”

As she said that, she told me about the contents of the remaining two.

- Harvest of Medicinal Plants 20 tufts 50 Copper Coins
- Goblin Subjugation 5 Goblins 2 Silver Coins (5 pieces for 5 goblins thereafter)

These two requests.

According to Aisha-san, The requests can be carried out while defeating slimes, so it would be efficient to accept them.

Finally according to Aisha-san, I accepted the three requests.

Thus, in order to complete the requests, I departed for the forest north of the Town of Lucas.

CHAPTER 17

OBTAINED AMAZING SKILLS

I didn't use a carriage going to the hunting ground's forest.

Though there is a little distance, if I have some breaks, it's not like I can't run, and above all I wanted to raise my Skill Level.

In about one hour, I was able to arrive at the forest, my destination.

".....Phew, this is more tiring than I thought"

While saying that, I sat down at the outer circumference of the forest. Let's rest for a while then enter.

However, Slimes and Goblins..... there's none of them in the forest at the back of the town, huh.

It would be nice if I have some skills I can use.....

But, it's impossible, isn't it. None of them are a significantly strong monsters.

Though goblins do attack in groups, individually they aren't a threat to me who can defeat orcs.

Of course, I can't let down my guard, but I'm not nervous.

After taking plenty of rest, I slowly entered the forest.

As I did, a place where medicinal herbs were growing en masse appeared before my eyes.

"Oo, this is quite the quantity. I don't need any as of now, so maybe I'll turn all of these in to the guild."

As I said that, I tossed around half of the medicinal herbs including their roots into the Storage Bag.

Actually I was told by Aisha-san when departing.

"Myne-kun, when you are harvesting medicinal herbs, if it's possible can you bring the

roots along? If possible along with the soil, as that way it will have a high value, and the price will also increase.”

Thank you Aisha-san, thank you.

Lately, I feel like I’ve been thanking a lot of people, which means the me now is blessed.

While I was thinking so, I walked feeling happy, and thanks to [Sight Enhancement · Moderate], I was able to discover three goblins from far away.

Name : Goblin · Priest

LV:4

Race : Demon Race

Gender : Female

[Skill]

Magic · Small Recovery

[Ability]

None

Name : Goblin

LV:6

Race : Demon Race

Gender : Male

[Skill]

One-Handed Blade

[Ability]

None

Name : Goblin · Thief

LV:9

Race : Demon Race

Gender : Male

[Skill]

Presence Erase · Moderate

[Ability]

None

Mu, what’s this? These are unexpectedly good skills.

Perhaps, the goblins are delicious prey to me who can use [Cut & Paste].

Okay, for the time being, I should steal all of their skills before fighting.

At any rate, the goblins also have different names attached to them like priest and thief, huh.

Maybe, the orcs also have them, though I haven't seen one yet.

If that's true, there might be good skills which I haven't obtained yet!

I don't know whether they exist or not, but this time, it might be good for me to try searching for them.

While thinking that, I used all the "Self Enhancement" skills, and raised my abilities. Yosh, with these, my preparations are flawless.

As always, I fired [Support Magic·Speed Reduction] and [Support Magic·Sleep] and prepared my dagger.

As I did that, the [Support Magic·Sleep] which has a high chance of resistance by the orcs, actually displayed its effects quickly on the goblins.

The prediction of the resistance changing depending on the monsters' strength, is probably true.

While confirming that they were sleeping, I decapitated the three of them. I then dismantled them, and tossed them into the Storage Bag.

"Yosh, let's go steadily with this rhythm!"

After that, I encountered goblins with various names, and expected, they had nice skills.

Obtained [Martial Arts: Quick Shot] from "Goblin·Archer"

Obtained [Magic·Fire] and [Magic·Water] from "Goblin·Mage".

Obtained [Iron Wall] and [Agitate] from "Goblin·Knight".

Obtained [Tame] from "Goblin·Tamer"

Obtained [Body Enhancement·Small] from "Goblin·Monk"

I was able to obtain these many skills in one go.

I'm really glad that I came here today! Thank you, Aisha-san, thank you!

However, there isn't any of the important slimes.

Where in the world are they.....

I used [Sight Enhancement·Moderate] and surveyed my surroundings.

Hm? There's a pond over there? I have a feeling that somehow there will be slimes at the waterside, so let's try going there for a while.

There they are! There's a lot of them!!

If I approach the vicinity of the pond, a lot of slimes are jostling restlessly.

".....As expected, isn't this a lot?"

There were too many of them, I unintentionally let out a sigh.

For now, I should properly appraise them.....

Name : Slime
LV:1
Race : Slime Race
Gender : None
[Skill]
Cleaning
[Ability]
None

Oh, it's a skill I've seen before.

Name : Red Slime
LV:1
Race : Slime Race
Gender : None
[Skill]
Fire Attribute·Resistance
[Ability]
None

The red slime has [Fire Attribute · Resistance], huh.

I have to examine the other coloured slimes too.

Name : Slime · Experience

LV:2

Race : Slime Race

Gender : None

[Skill]

Tenfold Experience Acquisition

[Ability]

None

.....Hm?

W, Whaaaaaat!?

Somehow I have a feeling I saw an outrageous skill.

I rubbed my eyes and tried looking again.

Eh? Where did it go? Aaaaaaa, that slime has hidden somewhereere!

No way, I can't find it.

T, this..... I have no way but to appraise and defeat one by one, huh.....

I wonder how many there are. I feel like fainting.

However, if I didn't look wrongly, it was [Tenfold Experience Acquisition].

If that skill is as I expected.....

I, I might be able to become very strong.

Even though it's difficult, I think it will be worth the effort.

For now, I used [Iron Wall] and [Body Enhancement · Small], and confronted the lightly swaying slimes one by one.

Since they'll be defeated if I attack with my dagger, I have to first try receiving an attack purposely, and test if I will be okay getting near that herd.

I collected small stones, and threw them at the slimes.

As I did that, while swaying its body a little, it faced me and hurled itself at me.

Poyopoyo~~~ n!

Un, there isn't any pain at all. *(TL: In case you didn't know, un means yes.)*

If it's like this, will I be okay if I'm surrounded by the group?

Just in case I think casting [Support Magic · Gradual Restoration Small (Stamina)] will be good.

Well then, next is attacking it.

Ah, before that, I have to check its skill. [Cleaning] I'll receive it once.

Then, I held my steel dagger and killed the slime.

Un, with that even orcs will be cut.

It isn't possible to not defeat the slimes, called the weakest, with one hit, huh.

Results of the experiment, somehow I was able to manage, I decided to face the battle which will make me faint(?).



I wonder how many I defeated.....

I counted up until 40, but since it became tiring I stopped counting.

I re-casted the spells when they went out, and again I appraised, and defeated.....

Thanks to that I was able to obtain all the attributes, Fire, Water, Wind, Earth, Light and Dark!

As expected, the coloured slimes have skills with elements which correspond with their colour.

“Aaaaaaaaah, mou! Where in the world is it!”

I unintentionally shouted as I couldn't bear this anymore.

Why, why didn't I get the skill when I saw it! Boku no bakabakabaka!

(TL: Boku = me. baka = stupid/idiot)

Maa,the mountain of slime oil is the silver lining in this though.

Since then it has been about an hour.

Finally I saw it.

Name : Slime · Experience

LV:2

Race : Slime Race

Gender : None

[Skill]

Tenfold Experience Acquisition

[Ability]

None

There's not doubt, it's this one! It is this one!!

I'll steal your skill immediately! Like I'll let you get away again! Then as if venting my anger, I cut it in one go.

Yosh, let's withdraw!

CHAPTER 18

THE IMPENDING UNREST

Once I stole the [Tenfold Experience Acquisition] from the slime I was aiming for, I ran out from the forest as fast as my legs could carry.

As expected, that really was tiring.....

The more I use my skills, the more mentally exhausted I become.

If I am in a good mood, I wouldn't really feel exhausted, but if I was feeling down and such, the degree of exhaustion will be higher.

Though, I still haven't felt that extreme of an exhaustion.

Even so, using skills like crazy against that many slimes as expected tired me out. Throwing myself down on a clump of bushes, I appraised myself.

Name : Myne

LV:9

Race : Hume

Gender : Male

Age : 15 years

Occupation : Adventurer (F Rank)

[Skill]

Appraisal · Complete LV2 (26/200)

Cut & Paste (19/200)

Tenfold Experience Acquisition (-/-)

Dagger · Extreme (43/50)

One-handed Blade (0/50)

Two-handed Blade (0/50)

Axe (0/50)

Body Enhancement · Small (33/50)

Leg Enhancement · Small (24/50)

Sight Enhancement · Moderate (16/50)

Swift Feet (Small) (26/50)

Strong Arm (11/50)

Iron Wall (16/50)

Agitate (0/50)

Presence Erase · Moderate (0/50)

Magic · Fire (0/50)

Magic · Water (0/50)

Magic · Wind (12/50)

Magic · Small Recovery (0/50)

Support Magic · Speed Reduction (2/50)

Support Magic · Sleep (1/50)

Support Magic · Gradual Restoration Small (Stamina) (16/50)

Fire Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Water Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Wind Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Earth Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Light Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Dark Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Cooking (2/50)

Needlework (0/50)

Etiquette (0/50)

Art of Negotiation (3/50)

Alchemy (6/50)

Cleaning (0/50)

Tame (0/50)

Martial Arts : Successive Shot (0/200)

.....This is outrageous, if I do say so myself.

There are 35 skills including the ones I don't use.

Thinking that I received three skills directly from Kami-sama, even I think that

possessing this number of skills is abnormal.

If I keep growing as I am, it seems that I'll become stronger than even the King-sama himself.

Obtaining the [Tenfold Experience Acquisition] today was too abnormal.

For a slime, famous as the weakest, to have such a skill.....

Since it has such a skill, I can't really call slimes the weakest.

But since it's too weak, even if it has such an amazing skill, it couldn't even defeat one enemy.

That's why, such an amazing skill is wasted on it.

[Tenfold Experience Acquisition] : Perpetual Activation Type Skill, when carrying out an action, the user will be able to obtain ten times the original experience points, skill level, etc.

Yup, no matter how many times I look at it, it's amazing. As expected, I absolutely can't let anyone know about this, huh.....

If people like aristocrats or influential figures known, not only will it become troublesome, I will probably be duped into working hard like a slave.

As expected, it will be difficult to form a party with someone, huh.....

It'll probably be exposed from there.

It would be good if someone with power were to back me up, but it isn't easy to find such a person.

However, since I became an adventurer after so much trouble, I have a yearning for a "comrade".

Though, that is an ungrantable wish, I unconsciously let out a sigh.

"Sigh..... it can't be helped, yosh, since I'm really tired and obtained quite a harvest, let's hurry and return to the guild!"

I stood up immediately from my lying position, used [Body Enhancement·Small] [Leg Strength Enhancement·Small] [Swift Feet (Small)], and started running in the direction of the Town of Lucas.



“Hey, stop that!”

The C Rank adventurer, Lyle who made a racket at the bar and personally picked a fight with adventurers who ganged up on him, was frantically called out by a man who were in the same party as him.

Lyle who had medical tape (A tape with recovery effects soaked in medicinal plants) on his face, arm, leg, etc., was putting on his equipment one by one.

Continuing to ignore his party comrade’s words, as a results of silently moving his hands, Lyle has prepared his equipment.

However, the weird thing is that all of his other party members around him were lightly dressed.

To say nothing of weapons, they weren’t even bringing daily necessities.

Only Lyle was completely armoured.

“Serious stop this..... You know that it isn’t good to go against a fellow guild member, right? You do know that Hyold who just recently caused a quarrel was punished by the guild leader right?”

Lyle’s comrades were persuading him one by one.

No matter what he was told, he planned to attack a fellow guild member.

The guild basically does not cut in a quarrel between fellow guild members.

However, in a situation where a life will be taken, they will proactively intervene.

In a fight between fellow guild members, if a life was to be lost, such a foolish action will naturally decrease the guild’s war potential.

Also, in a situation where a civilian who has yet to join the guild was injured, they will naturally also intervene.

After all, the adventurer’s guild is nothing but an commercial organisation where the civilians are their “customers”.

Committing an act of violence against their customers, who will even choose to request from such an organisation. Probably there isn’t anyone who’s that benevolent.

That is why the rules are made stricter.

Because they know the rules, that is why Lyle's party members are desperately trying to stop Lyle from committing a crime.

At any rate, the party members are of a common destiny.
It is a collective responsibility, so to speak.

When there is someone in a party who obtained an exclusive receptionist lady, the party members will receive benefits, and similar to this, punishment will also be received identically by the all the members.

As a result from Lyle acting rashly, if the guild judges him, they themselves will also be judged identically, so that's why they are so desperate.

However, it seems that the frantic complaints of Lyle's comrades does not even reach him.

"Being made a fool by a rookie, as if I can shut up! I'm a C-rank you know!?"

"What are you saying!? That kid hasn't done anything against you, you know! That's just an unjustified resentment! It's shameful so just stop that!"

Lyle who didn't listen at all was starting to feel irritated at his party members, and his expression was becoming threatening.

"Shut up! If only that kid wasn't here, Aisha would've become my exclusive, and I wouldn't have gotten such injuries! How is me getting revenge wrong, rather it would be right for that brat to be punished by the guild!"

Hearing his words, all of the members had understood.
This guy's no good..... It's useless to talk to him.

"Hey, Lyle. You of course know right? If you were to be judged, we will all also be judged. You understood but didn't you forget that?"

"Of course I know, but it's not my fault! The one who should be judged is that brat!! If it's like that then you won't be judged either! Do you all understand that? Can't you use your brain more?"

“.....You, are you for real?”

“Of course I’m serious, can’t you tell that by looking at me”

The party members looked at each other and nodded.

“.....Okay, do as you like. However, this party’s dissolved from now on. Well then, thank you for all this time”

Leaving behind those words, Lyle’s comrades left the inn, and their destination was the guild.

Yes, of course it is to dissolve the party.

Forming a new party by leaving Lyle out is another story.

Lyle who was left behind could not understand at all why his comrades, no, “former” comrades left.

He could only silently watch as they left dumbfoundedly.



At that time, in the capital.

“.....A young man who has just come of age crushing an orc solo, is that even possible?”

A beauty wearing a pure white surcoat frowned her well-featured face while asking a question.

“Yeah, no doubt. We were able to confirm that he had even killed four orcs in just one day”

The surcoat wearing beauty could not believe it.

Having confidence in her skill, even if she, who is called by a “title” by the crowd, defeating an orc by herself would be difficult.

It is no wonder that she could not believe that a young man who had just come of age could accomplish such a task.

She can only think that he had received an extremely terrifying Skill.

“If that is true..... hmm, I think I will try meeting him once”

“Is that so, I thank you for doing that. I also think that there is a need to meet him once”

A few days later, she went towards Lucas, the town where the young man who had defeated orcs lives.

CHAPTER 19

C RANK ADVENTURER, LYLE

When I arrived at the guild, the sun was already setting, the crowded guild had become considerably quiet.

I looked around quickly, but Aisha-san seems to be absent.

If I were to insert my card at the exclusive counter, I think she will definitely come out though.....

At this time, I think she's already changed shifts.

In the middle of her break, coming out specially for me, would make me feel guilty. I'll give my report for the request tomorrow, maybe I'll go back for today.

As I thought that, a voice called out for me from behind.

".....Hey, kid"

Hm? Who? A person I've never met.

Because he's wearing expensive-looking equipment, he must surely be a strong person.

"Good evening! How may I help you?"

"The name's Lyle..... I'm sorry but could you please come with me?"

What is this, somehow this person..... gives me scary vibe.

Name : Lyle

LV : 22

Race : Hume

Gender : Male

Age : 28 years

Occupation : Adventurer (C Rank)

[Skill]

Grappling · Extreme

Finger Bullet

Woodwork

Uwa, he's a really amazing person! He has [Grappling · Extreme], and even his own level is 22.....

But, even so I don't know this person after all.

Somehow, he has a smile on his face, but his eyes are not smiling.

I wonder what he needs with a newbie adventurer like me?

".....Umm, I wonder what you need me for. I'm sorry but this is our first time meeting, right?"

He probably knows I'm being vigilant.

Considerably softening his attitude, he showed me a smile and said "I won't do anything bad".

However, I noticed.

The fact that his eyes were absolutely not smiling even though he was.

What should I do..... But he hasn't done anything to me..... if I reject him, he might pick a fight in the future and it will become troublesome.

I am very curious about his eyes, but if worse comes to worst I can run away, so for the time being I'll try going with him.....

".....After this, I have things to do, so I don't have much time though....."

"It's okay, this will finish "quickly", so just follow me"

Perhaps he was satisfied that I will follow him, saying that, he exited the guild.

I have a bad premonition about this, for the time being I wholeheartedly want to avoid troublesome things after this, and chased after him.

Since I'll be troubled if it's like that time with Hyold, I secretly casted self-enhancement Skills on myself.

After that..... as a precaution, I'll steal all his skills.

If nothing happens I'll just return them.

While I stealthily did various things, the scene around me quickly became deserted.

"Excuse me, until where are we going?"

Even though I asked a question, he did not reply and we walked in silence.

As I expected..... there's something wrong with this.

So that I'm not careless, I put myself on guard while walking, finally we seemed to have arrived at our destination as he stopped his feet.

Looking around, the place was completely deserted, there was an abandoned-like building in front of me.

"Sorry for bringing you all the way here. About what I needed..... I want you to die here"

As expected it was like that.....

"Can you please tell me the reason? I've asked this in the guild before this, but we have never met before right?"

Why must I be killed by a person I have never met before.

Of course, I will resist him with all my strength, but before that I would like to hear his reason.

"Is there a need to explain to a person who's going to die after this?"

It's no use, he's unapproachable.

While picking up my steel dagger, even so maybe he can't avoid while in a conversation, I started speaking.

"Guild members are prohibited from killing each others right? If this gets out, even you won't get away with this, right!? Please stop this!"

It seems that my frantic persuasion also had not reached him.

As proof, he gripped both his hands tightly, took a stance, and readied for battle.

It's because he has [Grappling · Extreme], so this is probably his battle posture.

It can't be helped, though my opponent is of a higher rank, I've already plundered his Skills.

Naturally, he doesn't know that I am in possession of a lot of Skills.

If I take him by surprise, I'll somehow manage, I think.

"I'll show you a little mercy, I'll take the first hit, come"

I wonder how long this calmness will continue? I'll resist him with everything I got!

The self-enhancements I had casted beforehand are [Body Enhancement · Small] [Leg Enhancement · Small] [Strong Arm] [Iron Wall] [Support Magic · Gradual Restoration Small (Stamina)], these five.

On top of that I supplemented them with [Presence Erase · Moderate] and [Swift Feet (Small)].

The skill Presence Erase is a Skill which dilutes one's presence.

If used in a place without anyone looking, it will be difficult for opponents to notice, it is an excellent skill which can make one disappear from the opponent's view for but a moment even if one is within sight.

In other words, if I use it in this situation..... yes, I can get close to him before he can respond.

I, who then rushed into him, swung my dagger straight towards him with all my strength as if to cut him up.

"Guaaaaaaaaaaaaa!"

I then immediately backstepped to where I was.

Probably he thought that I was gone for a moment, and only thought that his chest was suddenly torn directly.

"Y, you fucker!!! What did you do!!!!!"

While holding down the wound on his chest with his arm, he shouted towards me.

“What, you say, since you said you’d let me have the first strike, I attacked. I can’t possibly let myself be killed after all.....”

I think he was careless.

I feel that the wound I gave him, seemed to be quite deep.

I don’t know what kind of leather it is, but his armour was severed, the sensation of cutting up flesh remained in my hand.

I wouldn’t say that it’s a fatal wound, but if it’s left alone it won’t be safe and he’ll receive damage, I think.

“What do you think, will you pull back?”

“Don’t fuck arouuuuuuund!!!!!! As if I’d lose to something like a F Raaaaaank!!!!”

With an expression full of rage, he thrust towards me.

.....Probably if [Grappling·Extreme] was still in his hands, his strike would still be a threat to me even though he’s injured.

However, the him now is injured, and on top of that he has..... no Skills.

The fist which he packed all of his strength into sadly had no power.

Probably because of his serious wound, his balance was greatly disrupted.

And as a result, naturally..... probably exerted with all his strength, that fist..... missed.

I flung my dagger at that chance, and using [Grappling·Extreme] which I plundered from him and [Strong Arm] I swung my fist towards his solar plexus with all my strength.

[Dogyaa!!]

A loud sound of destruction which sounded like something was smashed resounded around us.

Lyle spat out a large amount of blood, fainted and collapsed on that spot.

Repelling a ruffian, as I let out a sigh of relief, I felt a pain from my right fist.

“Ow”

Looking at my fist, it was smashed and bloody, there were parts where my bone had protruded.

Flustered, I casted [Magic·Small Recovery],but once wasn't enough, and after repeating that a few times, the wound seems to have somehow closed.

Without a knuckle guard, my fist received a abnormal destructive power from [Strong Arm] + [Grappling·Extreme].
With that even a fist will be crushed.

Anyhow, I wonder if I've somehow got through this predicament with this?

CHAPTER 20

THIS IS BAD, I MIGHT BE EXPOSED!?

Tracing back the time a little.

Dumbfounded by Lyle, his former comrades who had decided on a party dissolution went straight towards the guild after separating.

“Looking at that, it seems like he’ll immediately move. If we don’t quickly dissolve it we’ll be in big trouble”

“That, shitty idiotic bastard!”

Yes, it’s already late since it has happened, thinking that, they naturally quicken their steps.

Arriving at the adventurer’s guild, as they looked around quickly, they found the origin of this problem, the receptionist lady Aisha.

It seems like she had just finished her work, and was returning to the backyard.

“Aisha-san! Wait!”

The members called for Aisha to halt in a loud voice.

Noticing that voice, Aisha looked over her shoulder and stopped her feet.

The other receptionist ladies, in order to not become a hindrance, moved towards the exclusive counter.

Seeing that, the members walked up to Aisha’s side.

“Thank goodness Aisha-san is here. Hear us out, Lyle that bastard wants to kill your exclusive newbie!”

“.....What do you mean by that!?”

“That’s because he’s under the impression that it was the newbie’s fault that you aren’t his exclusive. Because of that he lost his temper at the bar and picked a fight with the

surrounding adventurers....., as a result, he was beaten up, and said that if it wasn't for the newbie he wouldn't be injured.....”

Aisha recalled Lyle's situation from the other day, and understood. However, killing someone..... is too much of a hasty thought.

Because of Lyle's previous appearance and conduct, she couldn't picture that at all.

“We also despearately stopped him!but, that bastard, he didn't listen to us at all. Sorry for getting you involved in this but we've come to dissolve the party”

“Understood, to process the dissolution please head over to the regular counter, I will report this matter to the guild leader!”

If what he said was true, then Myne is in danger.

Lyle is a remarkable adventurer who will undoubtedly rise to a B rank. Such a person seriously wanting to kill a newbie, as if we'd let that happen.

There is a need to discuss this with the guild leader, and to urgently restrict Lyle.

For the sake of restraining Lyle, naturally there is a need to prepare an adventurer who has the ability to suppress him.

For that, this case needs the approval of the guild leader.

There is a way to protect Myne, but right now he is not in the town, since he is completing the request Aisha had personally recommended him.

Unable to hide her impatience, Aisha burst into the guild leader's office.



When Lyle's party members have went back after finishing the procedure for dissolution.....

The guild leader who received the report from Aisha, along with Aisha, Myne's exclusive receptionist lady, urgently summoned three adventurers and talked with them.

Among those three was Keith, the C Rank adventurer who Myne encountered previously inside a carriage.

Telling the three the situation, they were ordered to capture Lyle in the form of a designated request.

“Sorry for suddenly calling you over, it’s because this is something I can’t overlook”

“Yeah, I understand. However, that bastard Lyle huh....., I can’t think of him like that”

Keith saying that is not unjustifiable.

That adventurer Lyle has never been viewed as a problem when it comes to his behavior until now, and he has been evaluated as a man of character within the guild.

“Well, that guy was charmed by Aisha jou-chan after all....., he’s someone with a grudge of love”

The one who said that and shrugged his shoulders is an adventurer with a height of about 140cm.

A dwarf named David.

A C rank adventurer, though like Lyle, he is a remarkable adventurer said to soon become a B rank.

“Even if it’s love, it’s not like you’ll become lovers with just becoming exclusive?”

Flood who listened to David answered.

Flood is a cat-person with scouting as his forte.

Aisha who listened to the two’s conversation had her expression turn cloudy, but she silently watched them.

“Well, that’s the case, so go capture that bastard Lyle at once and bring him here”

The guild leader who clapped while saying that ended the conversation, and the three adventurers immediately started their action.



“What!! That bastard Lyle brought that newbie out!?”

Keith · David · Flood, about five minutes after these three stormed out of the guild. Hearing the report from Mil, my coworker, guild leader said in a loud voice.

“This is bad, Aisha, that bastard..... he already fucking brought Myne out”

Guild leader told me in a unusually flustered voice.

“Mil!? Which direction did they go!?”

I asked with a voice driven to a corner, and Mil, understanding the seriousness of the situation, immediately told us the direction where they were headed.

Hearing Mil’s answer, I immediately took out the bow and quiver I had used before from my locker.

“Guild leader, I’ll be heading out!”

Even though I have retired, I was a B rank adventurer.
If only I wasn’t careless, I would be able to capture Lyle.

“It’ll be dangerous by yourself, I’ll also be going”

Guild leader also took out his two-handed sword and while carrying it on his back, he answered me.

We sprinted with all our might and blended into the night.



After about 20 minutes of running, the guild leader and I suddenly heard the sound of something being smashed reverberate nearby.

[Dogya!]

The direction it came from only had an abandoned building if I remember correctly, a

place where practically no one goes.
Such a sound is too unnatural.

Myne-kun and Lyle are definitely there.

The battle had probably started, there's no way Myne-kun can win against Lyle when it comes to their true strength.

Because it sounds like a blow, thinking about Lyle's battle style, it might be the sound of Myne getting done in.

Although we were in a hurry, guild leader and I looked at each other and nodded, we changed our route towards the direction of the sound.

And when we finally arrived at our destination which was a dead end the scene that entered my eyes.....

At Myne-kun's feet was a collapsed..... Lyle.

"Myne-kun!"

I unintentionally shouted, he looked over here and showed a little shocked expression, and was immediately relieved as he sat down.



In the middle of the silence, suddenly resounded a voice.

As I looked at the direction of the voice, for some reason Aisha-san was standing. Furthermore, she was even wearing armour? I wonder why.....

Even though this place doesn't seem to be frequented much.

As I thought of such things, my body suddenly lost its strength, I collapsed sitting down.

Ah, I see.

That battle just now, I had steeled myself more than I had expected.

I probably felt relieved looking at an acquaintance's face.
At any rate, I wonder if this issue is settled?

“Are you alright!? Myne-kun!!”

Aisha-san plunged straight towards me.

Though I caught her as if I was embracing her, the shock was unexpectedly strong and I unintentionally collapsed.

“I, I’m alright..... rather than that, why are you here Aisha-san?”

While sensing a fragrance peculiar to women from Aisha-san’s body, I threw a question I had been thinking from earlier.

“I’ve heard from Lyle-san’s party members. He wanted to kill Myne-kun due to an unjustified resentment.....”

Ah, I see! Worrying about me, she even gotten her armour ready and came to such a place!

I finally understood! But, even though Aisha-san is a receptionist, I wonder if she fights??

Name : Aisha · Laurel

LV : 28

Race : Hume

Gender : Female

Age : 26 years

Occupation : Adventurer’s guild’s receptionist lady

[Skill]

Magic · Large Recovery Lv4

Archery · Holy Lv3

Cooking Lv6

Woah, what is with this strength.....

She’s completely stronger than Lyle!?

Rather than that, isn’ she the strongest out of the people I’ve seen up until now!?

Thinking I was dumbfounded by the impact, Aisha-san asked me in a suspicious voice.

“.....What’s wrong? Myne-kun”

Not good, I have to concentrate.

“N, nothing! Leaving that aside, thank you very much, rather than that, isn’t a beautiful person like Aisha-san coming to such a place alone dangerous!”

Panicking, as I said that, a “Ahem!” came from behind Aisha-san.

Ehh? Even guild leader is here!? I completely didn’t notice him!

“Sorry for disturbing your happy talk..... but I’m also here you know?”

As I hurriedly apologised to the guild leader, he said “It’s a joke” while grinning broadly.

“Well, it’s okay. Even though I also came here, there’s no one who here who can do anything to Aisha. You don’t have to worry about that matter”

I was told that Aisha-san was a former adventurer! And a “B rank” at that!!!

About two years ago, the party she was in had dissolved, so guild leader called out to her since he had nothing to lose, it seems that she quickly took up being a receptionist.

I see, that’s where she got that strength. I understand.

“.....By the way, did you do this?”

Guild leader’s face immediately turned grave, he turned his sight towards Lyle who was lying down, collapsed on the floor.

“Yes, it was me”

As I said that, both guild leader and Aisha-san’s showed a surprised expression, and stared fixedly at the collapsed Lyle.

“Sorry but I can’t believe this..... You who had just came of age defeated this guy who is top class even within the C Rank is just.....”

Ah, damn!!

Isn't this bad?

Even though my skills is a secret..... what should I do?

CHAPTER 21

FAREWELL, ADVENTURER'S GUILD

“Myne-kun, you’ve just came of age, right? What kind of skills were you bestowed with? I know that asking about someone else’s skills is an unwritten rule but..... an F rank defeating a C rank is way to abnormal”

What to do, it’s true that my skill is abnormal.

Even I myself know that, but I wonder if it’s alright telling someone else.

While I don’t have a backer, there will only be downsides is my Skills were to be spread.

Even this time’s case, if Lyle were to know about my Skills, I will definitely be unable to win this quickly.

Rather, I might even be killed due to the difference in experience.

As expected, I can’t..... I definitely cannot talk about this.

It can’t be helped if I were to be fired from the guild because the guild leader gets mad at me for not telling him.

As I had thought at first, I’ll become a hunter and spend my time hunting orcs and sheep.

It’ll be enough to live, after all.

“.....That, I’m sorry but I cannot say”

As I said that, the guild leader’s temple twitched.

“I see..... I didn’t put it correctly. This is an order as the guild leader. As the person who is in charge of this organisation, I have judged that there is a need for me to know your Skills. Of course, it will definitely not leak out”

“.....Even so, I cannot say”

To the our exchange Aisha-san was in suspense while listening, but I know she gulped

when I rejected the guild leader's orders.

".....I see, then there's no other way, I'll remove you from the adventurer's guild. Since I can't possibly leave a person who can't listen to the orders of the head of an organisation"

While he said that, he asked for my response.

There's no helping it, it's already decided.

Though I am regretful since Aisha-san treated me well.....

I didn't avert my sight from the guild leader, on the contrary I looked at him while I stood up.

"Though our time was short, thank you very much"

As I said that I bowed deeply towards the two of them.

".....Are you serious? Once a registered adventurer has been removed, no matter the reason there will be no way they can register for a second time, you know"

Probably even the guild leader did not expect my answer.

It seems like he's agitated, especially asking are you serious?

As I looked at Aisha-san, she was making quite a complicated expression.

While thinking beauties are still beauties no matter what kind of expression they make, huh, as I was thinking that this place is unsuitable, Aisha-san opened her mouth.

"Guild leader, though it's not that I can't understand why you said that, but isn't that a little tyrannical? In the first place, it isn't necessary for Skills of guild members to be reported"

Even guild leader backed off a little at Aisha-san's angry look.

"No, as the guild leader I judged that there is a need for this as an exception. It can't be helped if he rejected that"

I wonder if Aisha-san's angry look on the contrary calmed the leader down?

The agitation I felt just now wasn't felt in his words now.

“It’s okay, Aisha-san.Even though the time I spent with Aisha-san was short, I thank you for really taking good care of me”

As I said that, she stared at me with her eyes opened wide.

“Are you okay with that!? Even though you told me that you will work hard since you entered the guild after so much trouble!”

Ah, she’s talking to me so earnestly.

Aisha-san is really a good person huh..... Even though it was a short time, it’s really good that such a wonderful person being in charge of me.

“Even though I’m not okay with it, there’s not helping it. Rules are important after all.....”

Hearing that, she casted her eyes downwards.

Guild leader probably also felt awkward, he checked the collapsed Lyle’s condition.

“Aisha, sorry but heal this guy. If this goes on he’ll die”

Interrupting our conversation, furthermore saying to treat Lyle, Aisha-san became noticeably displeased.

“Isn’t he just reaping what he sowed?”

“That’s true, but we aren’t a murder group. Of course, he will receive his judgement according to the rules later we can’t let someone die knowing that he will die if left alone.”

Saying that, Aisha-san reluctantly used the recovery Skill on Lyle.

“.....Hey, Myne-kun. Since I know Aisha’s Skill I could instruct her like this. Thanks to that, I’m able to save a life. Won’t you change your mind even so?”

Guild leader is probably worrying about the one-sided exchange, and asked me once more.

“I thank you for the concern, but no matter what I cannot answer you”

Hearing my reply, guild leader was evidently disappointed.
I’m sorry, but I cannot yield to this.

“.....Uu, I..... where’s that shitty brat?”

Receiving Aisha-san’s healing, he regained consciousness.
Lyle stood up and started shouting.

“Lyle, you of course know what you’re guilty of, right?”

He’s probably containing his outburst with my case.
Unconsciously, while scattering bloodthirst as thick as wetting one’s pants, guild leader moved in front of Lyle.

“Haah? Who do you think you’re..... Eh!? Guild leader!!?”

He probably did not know who the other party was.
He reflexively started cursing, but when he knew that it was the guild leader his attitude noticeably changed.

“Even though just recently Hyold received his punishment, what are you fucking doing? You’ve naturally prepared yourself right?”

“What preparation I didn’t even do anything wrong right!? It’s all that brat’s fault! You’d know if you asked my party members!”

“I came here after asking those “former” party members”

Hearing that sentence, Lyle seemed to have recalled something as he suddenly became quiet.

Thus, within that delicate mood, we went straight back to the adventurer’s guild.



Right now, Aisha-san and I are together in the guild leader's office. I was told that there was a need for guild leader to hand down punishment to Lyle so I will wait here.

The talk about dealing with me will probably be held here.

Aisha-san who is waiting with me had a rigid expression like she was brooding over something.

"Thanks for waiting"

While saying that the guild leader entered.

Glancing at me and Aisha-san, the guild leader sat down on a chair opposite us.

"Now then, firstly, we'll deal with Lyle, but....."

In the end, Lyle paid 8 platinum coins as penalty for breach of contract and was expelled from the guild.

The penalty for contract breach seems to be determined by the rules, and it seems that 8 platinum coins is the second highest amount.

It seems that if something like this time's case was done against a civilian, it will become 10 platinum coins.

Also, if it's against the same person after being expelled from the guild (in this case it's me), if the same problem happens, it will be capital punishment in the capital as a lesson.

Half of the penalty for contract breach will be handed over to the victim.

By the way, because the previous time, Hyold's two arms were cut off instead of the contract breach fee, because of money for sick treatment by the guild, the amount is reduced.

To make up for the amount of money, it seems that Aisha-san became my exclusive.

"This is this time's breach of contract fee, please take it"

Saying that, guild leader handed me 4 platinum coins.

Even though the money should be deposited in my guild card, but after this my guild registration will be deleted.

Naturally, since my card will be confiscated, I obediently put them in my Storage Bag.

Seeing me put the money inside my Storage Bag, he probably know what I was thinking.

Aisha-san showed a sad face, and guild leader's face had a little scowl.

"Now then, next is you..... you're not going to reconsider, right?"

"Yes, thank you for taking care of me"

"I see..... Aisha, I'll be entrusting his expulsion process to you"

As I handed over my guild card to Aisha-san, she hesitated for a moment before receiving it.

"Ah, that's right. The request Aisha-san has accepted, the slime oil you've obtained, can you hand it over here?"

As he said that, guild leader said it's okay here, instead of Aisha-san.

Hearing that, I took out "all" of the slime oil I had put inside my Storage Bag.

[Garagaragaragara]

By the way this slime oil. Though it is dropped when slimes are defeated, it is dropped inside a transparent bottle-like container.

Because there is no lid, when taking it out, a hole will be made in this container before extracting it.

And there are 1269 of those transparent containers.

The floor of the office was completely covered by slime oil.

"T, this....."

The wake-like atmosphere seemed to have completely turned into astonishment at

the excessive amount, turning into a shocked-like delicate atmosphere.

“T, this was obtained in just today!?”

Aisha-san asked me.

“Yes! I’ll also take the medicinal plants out okay!”

I then took out the medicinal plants.

There was also a massive quantity even though I only brought about half of the large amount of medicinal herbs growing en masse.

Aisha-san became confused, and called for the other personnel to carry out the containers and medicinal plants.



The total was 17 gold coins, 12 silver coins and 2 copper coins.

Breaking them down, the medicinal plants were 1618 tufts. Since the amount was incomprehensible, 2 tufts were given as freebies and was seemed like it was calculated as 1620 tufts.

During the request it was stated as 50 copper coins for 20 tufts, but since the roots and soil was secured, it was calculated as 60 copper coins.

Good thing I did as Aisha-san said! The total amount was 16 silver coins and 2 copper coins!!

31 bodies of goblins was 27 silver coins, it seems that there wasn’t any fractions.

The slime oil though, seems to be 1 silver coin each.

Previously it was a request to accumulate guild points, so I didn’t have much hope, but since it was insufficient in Lunawan the price became higher than usual.

With that said, the amount was 16 gold coins and 69 silver coins.

Receiving this time’s request money and the 20 gold coins deposited in my card, I once again stored them away.

“.....Sorry, Myne-kun..... in truth your rank would have been raised but.....”

“No, it’s okay. I’ve said this before but rules are important, guild leader’s judgment was correct”

Finishing all the work, I bowed deeply towards Aisha-san and guild leader, and left the adventurer’s guild.

Like this, enrolled for only two days, the curtain fell on my life as an adventurer.

CHAPTER 22

THE ORC SETTLEMENT (1)

The day after I was expelled from the adventurer's guild, searching for orcs, I came to the forest behind the town.

It is to earn income, but I also thought that there might be those who have all kinds of names like the goblins.

The battle with Lyle was a good lesson.

Though I was taken by surprise, it proved that one can win even against a stronger opponent if one only use useful Skills.

I've reached the conclusion that to keep on living after this, as expected it would be best to have as many Skills as I can.

As such, here's a feel of my Skills.

Name : Myne

LV : 9

Race : Hume

Gender : Male

Age : 15 years

Occupation : Apprentice Hunter

[Skill]

Appraisal · Complete LV2 (36/200)

Cut & Paste (23/200)

Tenfold Experience Acquisition (-/-)

Dagger · Extreme LV2 (3/100)

Grappling · Extreme Lv4 (1/200)

One-handed Blade (0/50)

Two-handed Blade (0/50)

Axe (0/50)

Body Enhancement · Small (48/50)

Leg Enhancement · Small (35/50)

Sight Enhancement · Moderate (16/50)

Finger Bullet Lv3 (1/150)

Swift Feet (Small) (41/50)

Strong Arm (25/50)

Iron Wall (28/50)

Agitate (0/50)

Presence Erase · Moderate (6/50)

Magic · Fire (0/50)

Magic · Water (0/50)

Magic · Wind (12/50)

Magic · Small Recovery (36/50)

Support Magic · Speed Reduction (2/50)

Support Magic · Sleep (1/50)

Support Magic · Gradual Restoration Small (Stamina) (29/50)

Fire Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Water Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Wind Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Earth Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Light Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Dark Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Cooking (1/50)

Needlework (0/50)

Etiquette (0/50)

Art of Negotiation (2/50)

Alchemy (6/50)

Cleaning (0/50)

Tame (0/50)

Woodwork (0/50)

Martial Arts : Successive Shot (0/200)

It's going to be my first time fighting with orcs since I obtained [Tenfold Experience

Acquisition], I'm very looking forward to this.

While thinking that, I located medicinal plants, and while defeating gathering sheep, I proceeded deeper and deeper than usual.

The trees then disappeared before I reached a steep slope, my view improved and I discovered the place.

The view spread before my eyes was.....

"My goodness....., an orc settlement in such a place....."

What I came across was an orc settlement.

Just, how many are there.....?

Rather, I should have realised such a possibility earlier.

In the first place, there wasn't much talks about orcs being in the forest in the past.

But, when I defeated orcs previously, I had lightly thought that they had probably accidentally lost their way.

My first battle, my first victory, the delight from such things had covered up the doubting feeling of "Something's not right".

Because the orcs have settled down here and built a settlement, that's why I came across orcs at such a place.

It's no use, this..... isn't possible by myself.

No matter how I think about this, this is a case to be reported to the guild!

While deciding to retreat in my heart, I scouted out the village by using [Sight Enhancement·Moderate].

"Briefly looking there's around 40 of them huh..... hm?"

As I roughly counted, I noticed for some reason a human figure in the middle of the settlement.

"Dokun!", throbbed my heart greatly.

T, that's..... a human female!

A human female in an orc settlement..... what it means naturally, even I know.

Not good, I don't have time! Even if I go the guild now she won't be saved..... I..... I can only do this.

I made my resolve.

Since I have decided I have to act quickly! I frantically searched for those guys who left the flock.

I found them! Though three of them are gathered together but if it's three, then I'll somehow manage!

Name : Orc · Assassin

LV : 10

Race : Demon Race

Gender: Male

[Skill]

Twin Blades · Extreme

[Ability]

None

Name : Orc · Warrior

LV : 11

Race : Demon Race

Gender: Male

[Skill]

Strength Rise

[Ability]

Roar

Name : High Orc · Magician

LV : 13

Race : Demon Race

Gender: Male

[Skill]

AoE Magic · Fire Maximum

[Ability]

None

The orcs with different names, as expected they exist! Furthermore there's even one with high orc!!

As expected, they all have useful looking Skills.

If it's like this I might be able to do it.

I immediately plundered all their Skills, used self-enhancement which can only be casted on myself and held a dagger in each hand.

It's all thanks to the [Twin Blades · Extreme] I plundered.

I used [Presence Erase · Moderate] at the back and approached them in one go, and aimed at the troublesome looking high orc's heart and stabbed.

I then slashed at it diagonally from the shoulder, after that, I aimed at the windpipe of the assassin beside it and stabbed at it.

I didn't seem to have instantly killed it, but because it is a fatal wound, it feebly fell to its knees.

The warrior who finally realised that they were ambushed swung a stone axe of about my height downward.

However, that's too bad! Too slow!!!!

Before the axe came falling towards me, I used [Presence Erase · Moderate] a second time and went behind it.

I then thrust the dagger on my right hand towards its heart, and the one on my left towards its nape.

I then let go of my daggers, and drove a punch towards the assassin's solar plexus, who still had a breath left, with all my strength.

The time for all this is about 40 seconds.

There doesn't seem to be any sign of being noticed from the surroundings.

Confirming that all three of them have died, while casting [Magic·Small Recovery] on my crushed fist, I put the orcs' corpses into my Storage Bag. Because if they discover the corpses, the remaining bunch will naturally make an uproar, so thought I.

I am really grateful to the alchemist onii-san.

Using [Magic·Small Recovery] once more, I hid under a cover.

At the moment I killed the high orc, when I realised my body had suddenly become lighter. I had probably leveled up.

If I go at it like this I might somehow be able to manage.

While thinking such things, when I probed the situation I discovered a herd of five. There doesn't seem to be any other individuals in the surroundings.

Convenient that the five are gathered together, since the sight is bad from the surroundings I decided to use the [AoE Magic·Fire Maximum] which I had plundered earlier.

Before that.....

Name : High Orc·Magician
LV : 12
Race : Demon Race
Gender: Male
[Skill]
AoE Magic·Wind Maximum
[Ability]
None

Name : High Orc·Priest
LV : 12
Race : Demon Race
Gender: Female

[Skill]

Magic · Large Recovery

[Ability]

Roar

Name : High Orc · Grappler

LV : 14

Race : Demon Race

Gender: Male

[Skill]

Martial Arts : Flurry Attack

[Ability]

Roar

Name : Orc

LV : 6

Race : Demon Race

Gender: Female

[Skill]

Strong Arm

[Ability]

Roar

Name : Orc

LV : 6

Race : Demon Race

Gender: Male

[Skill]

Strong Arm

[Ability]

Roar

I plundered all of their Skills, and pasted the unnecessary Skills and Abilities onto the ground.

I then used self enhancements, and threw [AoE Magic · Fire Maximum] into the middle of the gathering orcs.

While a terrifyingly thunderous roar spread, the flame magic impacted.
The orcs raged within the burning flames.

Aiming at the raging orcs, I fired the [AoE Magic · Wind Maximum] I had plundered.

Probably because of receiving the wind, the flames which were engulfing the orcs had grown larger, and the edge of the remaining wind chopped up the orcs.

When the flames had become smaller, the remainders were the corpses of the five orcs who were burnt to death.

After I used [Fire Attribute · Resistance], I quickly put the orcs' corpses into my Storage Bag, used [Presence Erase · Moderate], and left the scene.

“This might be bad..... as expected, they seem to have realised huh”

For now, with this, I've defeated eight orcs.
There's probably around 30 left.

.....Now then, from now on is the critical moment.



“Guild leader~, was it really okay?”

The receptionist Mary started a conversation with the leader listlessly.

“.....What is?”

“Even though you understand~, I'm talking about the exclusive rookie-san Aisha-san's in charge of you know~, I understand the reason, but from the guild's essence, isn't it bad~?”

Glancing over to me, Mary criticised the guild leader.

That's true, if we think from the perspective of guild leader prioritising professional duties, you can say that there is absolutely nothing wrong with how he dealt with it

this time.

But if we're thinking of it as a "Guild", the situation changes a little.

In the first place, the reason for prohibiting guild members killing each other is so that the guild's war potential doesn't drop.

It's a rule with an uninteresting reason so that the precious human resources aren't lost.

From the point of view of the guild's nature, no matter what strong war potential must be possessed.

They want promising rookies to the point of desperation.

A rookie who can defeat a person who places top among C-rankers, properly speaking, he is a talent who will be warmly welcomed.

Personally firing such a talent.

That was what Mary had said to the guild leader.

"It's something I've decided, don't complain!"

After a night has passed, the guild leader who has probably cooled off a little, even he understands what Mary wanted to say.

Therefore, he returned a reply containing irrepressible anger to Mary.

While seeing such a situation within the guild, my feeling has not completely cleared up.

Inside my head, were the various expressions Myne-kun had showed last night.

Starting with "astonishment", to "delight" "bewilderment" "determination" and ending with "gratitude"

Even he probably had things he had wanted to say.

No, it's impossible he doesn't.

.....But, at the end the smile he had shown, only a genuine gratitude can be felt from it.

As expected, I should have opposed more strongly then.

When I was crushed from regret....., yes, it was at such a time.

When she appeared! At that time, the encounter between her and I, it was unexpected that that had greatly changed the fates of Myne-kun and me myself.

CHAPTER 23

THE ORC SETTLEMENT (2)

“Sorry, I heard that a young man named Myne is in this guild.....”

Though the person’s face couldn’t be seen because the mantle had a hood attached. she seems to be a woman.

“Myne was erased from the guild’s register yesterday but..... is it a designated request? There are other excellent people in this guild, you know”

The receptionist lady · Mil replied to the question of the woman.

“No, sorry but it isn’t a request. I have a personal business with him..... however, does the register erasure mean it’s not calm? Did he cause a problem?”

Probably from hearing her questioned like that, immediately after Mil received the retort, precisely because of that, I knew that guild leader had scowled.

If it’s business with Myne-kun, I who was his exclusive should probably deal with this.

“No, it’s nothing like that you know, well, there is of course a reason for that, but since the guild’s matter, it would be hard to give you an answer.....”

“I see. Then it can’t be helped huh..... by the way, you who just replied to me, won’t you come here for a sec?”

As I walked closer to her side, though thinking Why me?, she muttered “By the way, Aisha, long time no see” in a low voice.

Due to my name suddenly called out, as I reflexively focused on her face which was concealed under her hood.....

“.....Y, Your Highness Sylphid..... Why, are you here.....”

The person is the Augusta Kingdom’s First Princess, “Princess Knight” Sylphid ·

Augusta.

“Fufu, sorry but I’m going incognito, so can you keep silent about my identity?”

When I was still an adventurer, there were surely times when we had met through requests from the royal family.

However, to even remember my name.....

“Because of that, Aisha. I want to meet that young man Myne but where can I meet him?”

“Just like that girl from before said, he has been erased from the guild, honestly where he is right now is.....”

Though I’m baffled by the sudden appearance of royalty, I suddenly thought of a question.

I wonder why the Hime-sama is searching for Myne-kun?

.....Rather than that, I wonder why she knows about him?

Royalty calling a commoner’s name and coming to visit him is honestly abnormal.

“Hmm, since he has registered in the guild once, that means you know where he’s staying right? Won’t you tell me where it is?”

“P, please wait a moment! Since I’ll be guiding you..... Would it be okay for me to tell the guild leader?” *(TLN: Aisha speaks in humble form)*

“Oh? I’m grateful if you can guide me, but it seems that you need to obtain approval even though you’re slipping out, huh. If it’s with the guild leader..... well that’s okay I guess”

Receiving approval from Hime-sama, I hurriedly ran to where guild leader is. Probably because my hurried appearance was amusing, Hime-sama giggled.

When I told guild leader about Hime-sama, he noticeably panicked, and I hurriedly stopped him from going to Hime-sama and waiting upon her.

“Hime-sama is going incognito, please don’t do anything that will expose her!”

Receiving permission to go out from the confused guild leader, thinking for Hime-sama's safety, continuing from last night, I quickly put on my arms and went to Hime-sama.

"What, to put on arms.....if it's a guard then I don't need any you know? You know my ability right?"

Hime-sama is surely strong.

A knight to the point of having "Princess Knight" as a nickname. Naturally I know that she is even stronger than me.

However, even so, being a guard is another story.

In the first place, in the worst case that something happened to Hime-sama, I cannot even imagine what kind of rebuke the country will give.

".....No, it would be a serious matter if anything happened to Hime-sama. Please let me follow you like this"

Hime-sama probably understood, as she shrugged her shoulders and walked towards the guild's exit.

On the way to Myne-kun's house, Hime-sama once again asked me the reason for Myne-kun's guild erasure.

Though it is a matter within the guild, if royalty asks, there's no choice but to answer. I talked about the incidents that have happened since Myne-kun first came to the guild until yesterday.

"Hmph..... As expected, there's no doubt that he has a special secret, huh. It's impossible for him to win against a C-rank adventurer with the Skills he has been bestowed with after all"

"Eh!? Hime-sama knows!? About his Skills!!"

Surprised, I accidentally raised my voice.

Far from blaming me, a smile surfaced as she answered me.

“Of course, even you know right? That the royal family receives reports about the Skills bestowed upon the new adults by the temple”

.....Now that she said it, because of a certain reason it is necessary for royalty to know about the new adults' Skills.

“Haa!? Don't tell me, Hime-sama's aim is!!!?”

“Fufufu, good guess. The reason's probably as you say, but it's useless telling others you know? Since it'll become an uproar”

I see, that's why she came to see Myne-kun! Surely if such a thing were to come to light there will be an uproar in the world.

Hime-sama is fearlessly smiling, but if that were to be implemented.....

“Don't be that confused, I've only come to see this to the end. Also Aisha did you know, that guy seems to be able to hunt orcs solo”

Soloing orcs!? If that is true..... then I can understand him defeating Lyle.
What in the world are his Skills.....

Probably knowing my question, Hime-sama continued.

“You seem to be curious huh, about his Skills. Since he wants to hide it, I can't possibly say it. It's a secret for “now””



Mm mm mm, I was surrounded while I was stealing their skills huh · · ·.
Eei, since I've got nothing to lose I'll hit them with [Support Magic · Sleep].

Miraculously it wasn't resisted, and the orc in front of me fell asleep in a moment.
While cutting the abdomen of the sleeping orc open with my dagger, I cut across its side.

I who had just broke through the enclosure faced my back and fired another [AoE Magic · Fire Maximum] !

The explosive flame rolled up in the middle of the rocs, and in a blink of an eye, the group of orcs huddled together had been burnt up.

I already stole all their Skills.

I had absolutely no hesitation in exterminating them.

Using [Presence Erase·Moderate], I left the place which was rolling in flames and temporarily took shelter.

“Phew, I somehow escaped.....”

The orcs nearby had noticed the thunderous roar when I first fired [AoE Magic·Fire Maximum].

I immediately started moving to escape, but an orc suddenly appeared on my way out and blocked my escape route.

I stole its skill, and at the place I defeated it I realised a large quantity of orcs was approaching me from behind.

For the time being I did not check what kind of Skills they had, continuously plundered, and the conclusion was [Support Magic·Sleep] just now at the place I was surrounded.

I wonder if I had just defeated more than 10 orcs?

If I add the ones I had defeated at first there are probably around 10 orcs left.

Though my exhaustion is quite extreme, if I slip in a little rest, I have a feeling I will somehow manage.

Name : Myne

LV : 20

Race : Hume

Gender : Male

Age : 15 years

Occupation : Hunter

[Skill]

Appraisal · Complete LV2 (196/200)

Cut & Paste (55/200)

Tenfold Experience Acquisition (-/-)

Dagger · Extreme LV3 (56/200)

Grappling · Extreme Lv4 (19/200)

Twin Blades · Extreme LV2 (36/100)

Two-handed Axe · Extreme (0/50)

One-handed Blade (0/50)

Two-handed Blade (0/50)

One-handed Axe (0/50) *(TLN: Previous Axe)*

Body Enhancement · Small LV3 (6/200)

Body Enhancement · Large (0/50)

Leg Enhancement · Small LV2 (79/100)

Sight Enhancement · Moderate (16/50)

Finger Bullet Lv3 (1/150)

Swift Feet (Small) LV2 (55/100)

Strong Arm LV2 (98/100)

Iron Wall LV 2 (76/100)

Agitate (0/50)

Presence Erase · Moderate LV2 (96/100)

Presence Detect · Moderate (0/50)

Strength Rise (0/50)

Physics Rise (0/50)

Magic · Fire (0/50)

Magic · Water (0/50)

Magic · Wind (12/50)

Magic · Small Recovery (36/50)

AoE Magic · Fire Maximum (9/50)

AoE Magic · Wind Maximum (9/50)

AoE Magic · Water Maximum (0/50)

AoE Magic · Earth Maximum (0/50)

Magic · Large Recovery (0/50)

Support Magic · Speed Reduction (2/50)
Support Magic · Sleep (1/50)
Support Magic · Gradual Restoration Small (Stamina) (29/50)
Support Magic · Gradual Restoration Large (Stamina) (0/50)
Support Magic · Defence Reduction (0/50)

Fire Attribute · Resistance (6/50)
Water Attribute · Resistance (0/50)
Wind Attribute · Resistance (0/50)
Earth Attribute · Resistance (0/50)
Light Attribute · Resistance (0/50)
Dark Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Cooking (19/50)
Needlework (0/50)
Etiquette (0/50)
Art of Negotiation (2/50)
Alchemy (6/50)
Cleaning (11/50)
Tame (0/50)
Woodwork (0/50)

Martial Arts : Successive Shot (0/200)
Martial Arts : Flurry Attack (0/200)
Martial Arts : Shark Glow (0/200)

Somehow, Skills I don't quite understand have multiplied.

For now, the one I'll immediately use is..... [Presence Detect · Moderate], seems like I can use this right now.

Hmm, the detection range does not seem to be wider than I thought.
There are three large presences about 500m to the north, and there is one large presence and two just a little big presence in the vicinity.

First I will defeat the one near me, since if I take too long the woman who was caught will be in danger.

Since it'll take a considerable amount of time, I am terribly worried but.....
While thinking such, I checked the situation in the direction of the nearby presences
using [Sight Enhancement·Moderate].

Name : High orc·Knight
LV : 15
Race : Demon Race
Gender: Male
[Skill]
Martial Arts : Sharpness·Sword
[Ability]
Roar

Name : High Orc·Dark Knight
LV : 18
Race : Demon Race
Gender: Male
[Skill]
Stamina Absorption·Large
[Ability]
Roar

Name : Orc General
LV : 25
Race : Demon Race
Gender: Male
[Skill]
Strong Arm·Extreme
Arm Strength·Extreme
[Ability]
Roar

.....Eh? Orc·General.....really?

CHAPTER 24

THE ORC SETTLEMENT (3)

“Orc · General”

It’s an S-rank monster which can only be subjugated by several tens of high-rank adventurers, knights and the like.

And a general being here is proof that the higher existence “Orc · King” is also here. They are called the king’s bodyguards, since they will appear beside the king without fail.

Thinking about the size of the nearby general, there is a high chance that the large presences to the north I had checked just now using [Presence Detect · Moderate] are probably three Orc · Generals.

However, if it’s a general, if I organise my level and Skills, I think I will be able to defeat them some way or another.

The problem is the Orc · King.

As expected I have no choice but to question if I can defeat it.

If a general is an S-class then a king is a calamity-class existence.

It’s to the extent that gathering the strongest class adventurers, knights and the like from all over the country, it’s impossible to defeat it if they don’t tackle it with a war of attrition with hundreds of people.

The king being here, I regret my naive perspective.

However, I do not have the choice to leave the captured woman alone and escape.

After all, I’ve act violently until here.

There’s no doubt that for the sake of hunting me the king has started mobilising.

.....At any rate I’ll defeat as much as I can for now, and concentrate on raising my own strength.

Because it's the only chance for she who was captured and me to survive.

Deciding as such, I will quickly get rid of the three orcs in front of me and turn them into a stepping stone for me to become stronger.

The longer I take, there's no doubt that the probability of me supplemented by the King will increase.

As usual I hurriedly stole their Skills, and cast as much self-enhancement Skills as I can.

From the battles until now, I know that I can defeat until high orcs if I fire [AoE Magic · Fire Maximum] with all my strength.

\If so, there's only one thing to do.

Though I don't know if I can defeat the general with this, even if it isn't defeated I will probably be able to deal quite the damage.

After the damage has been dealt using magic, I will hunt it with all my strength.

I who decided as such, chose the timing when the three orcs are gathered together, and ensuring the timing in one moment, I released magic at full strength.

[Zugagaga—n!]

A thunderous roar even louder than from before resounded, while swallowing up the surrounding buildings, it directly hit the orcs.

As I had planned, the two orcs let out a scream and crumbled down to the ground.

Then, this is the bad part of what I had planned, the general, injured with large burns all over its body, let out a war cry and charged towards me.

Without panicking at its momentum, as I hit it with [Support Magic · Speed Reduction], the general's movements became noticeably slower.

Probably because my level and my Skill's level had increased, the accuracy rose.

Not passing up the moment its movements had dulled, I went around to its back using [Presence Erase · Moderate], I loaded all my strength and slashed at its back.

As expected from a general, even though I was using a steel dagger, I wasn't able to cut

it smoothly.

[Ugaaaaaaaaaaa!!!]

Maybe because of pain or anger, it let out an even fiercer roar, I snuck into the bosom of the general who was swinging its arms violently, and I struck it using the dagger martial arts, “Shark Glow”.

With the Skills [Strong Arm·Extreme] + [Arm Strength·Extreme] which I had just took from it attached onto the martial arts, its power became absurd, and the general was literally cut up right in half.

“Phew, I did it.....”

Confirming that its life had stopped, I quickly stored the general which has become a corpse.

Opposite to the direction of the opponents, the generals who are coming from the north, in other words, I escaped towards the south.

However, in a hurry, it was unwise of me not to use [Presence Erase·Moderate] and [Presence Detect·Moderate].

I clashed with a group of three ordinary orcs and one high orc.

This, this situation is quite bad!!

The three to the north which I consider as Orc·Generals are coming here right now. If this goes on I will be pincer attacked.

In that one moment I was agitated, there was one who could use magic among the high orcs.

What the high orc had fired, was probably [AoE Magic·Fire Maximum]

Though I flusteredly used [Fire Attribute·Resistance],I received a direct hit.

“Guuu”

At the excess heat and pain, I unintentionally let out a groan.

Blood then gushed out from my whole body, I involuntarily staggered and fell to my knees.

The blood flowing out from my forehead stole the sight from my left eye.

If the [Fire Attribute · Resistance] I had casted just now did not reduced, perhaps I would have died.

The orcs who saw me falling to my knees, disgustingly gossiped, a smile... yes, it was probably a smile that surfaced, it raised the stone axe it was holding high up, and put an end to me.

No, I'll be done in!!!

"Myne-kun!!!! Don't give up!!!!!!!"

At the same time the voice reached my ears, three white paths passed above my head. The three white paths directly hit the orcs who had just wanted to end me.

Unable to completely receive the impact, the orcs stumbled a few steps back.

As I looked at the direction of the voice..... there stood Aisha-san who I was indebted to in the guild, with a dignified posture with a bow.

When I noticed that I looked back, I saw that she had started nocking the next arrow in order to pursue the orcs.

Then, it seems that there was a female knight who I have never seen before behind Aisha-san.

Why? Why is Aisha-san here?

Who, is that female knight?

Ah, it's no use, Aisha-san..... there's an Orc · King here.

Don't worry about me, quickly run!

This place is a hopeless battlefield, if a beautiful person like Aisha-san is here..... they'll aim at her first.

Aisha-san being sexually assaulted by orcs, definitely..... I will definitely not accept that!!!!

"Aisha-san, it's no use, run!!"

I shouted towards Aisha-san from the bottom of my heart.

However, probably she heard it, or probably she didn't hear it, Aisha-san continued shooting.

One shot, two shots, three shots.....

The arrows who were continuously fired by Aisha-san flew towards the orcs with unparalleled accuracy.

As expected of a former B-rank adventurer, it seemed to have accurately delivered damage to the orcs.

Even though high orcs aren't like orcs, damage was reliably delivered.

There's no choice but to quickly defeat this guys to let Aisha-san-tachi escape.
Get a hold of yourself! Myne!!

Collecting my thoughts, I quickly plundered their Skills, and casted [Support Magic· Gradual Restoration Large (Stamina)] on myself.

I was still staggering a little, but I firmly stood up, and grasped my daggers on both hands.

I overlapped [Leg Enhancement· Small] [Swift Feet (Small)] [Body Enhancement· Small] [Body Enhancement· Large], and closed in on the orcs in one go.

Different from the situation when I had bumped into them just now, since I properly casted enhancements, if I'm not careless then I can defeat them without problems.
Then as expected, the four orcs quickly cut down towards me.

However, I still cannot be careless.

Since the Orc· Generals who are approaching from the north will immediately be here.

Confirming that I've defeated them, Aisha-san and the knight-san beside her ran towards me.

"Myne-kun! Are you alright!? Wait a while, I'll immediately heal you!!"

"I'm alright, I can do that myself..... Leaving that aside, the two of you please quickly

run away from here. Three Orc · Generals will soon come here”

Hearing about Orc · Generals, the female knight-san beside her rose an even louder voice in surprise than Aisha-san.

“W, wait!? Did you say Orc · General? Why’s an S-rank monster in such a place!?”

“I don’t know the reason, and I don’t have time to think, quickly run away!! Besides the thing about the generals being here.....”

I pointed towards the opposite direction of the generals coming here, and urged them to run.

“An Orc · General being here..... I see!? That also means there’s an Orc · King here!!!?”

At the moment the female knight shouted, even though they are not their aim, a roar which seemed like it reverberated through the whole orc settlement could be heard.

“Ugaooooooooooooo!!!!!!!”

.....There’s no doubt, it’s them.

A response suddenly appeared in my [Presence Detect · Moderate]

Compared to the generals, it was a tremendously larger presence.....

No doubt, it’s an Orc · King.

Finally it’s existence was exposed, no matter what it takes I have to defeat the three generals before it appears here.

“The both of you hurry up..... quickly run away from here! Quickly!!!!”

However, my earnest complaint was.....not...in time..... it was too late.....

Why, Why is.....!!

“Why is the “King” here first!!! Damn it!!!!”

CHAPTER 25

THE ORC SETTLEMENT (4)

However, my earnest complaint was.....not...in time..... it was too late.....

Why, Why is.....!!

“Why is the “King” here first!!! Damn it!!!!”

Name : Orc · King

LV : 56

Race : Demon Race

Gender:Male

[Skill]

King's Intimidation

Unique Magic · Space-time

Realize

[Ability]

Roar

What is with these Skills..... I've never heard of these before.

No, for now, I need to immediately steal its Skills.....!

However, the king who was just 50m away, suddenly appeared in front of my eyes.

This is bad!! I instantly hugged the two behind me and then moved to the back.

At the place we were standing, the king brought down its enormous golden battleaxe.

[Dogooooooooooooon]

What I saw when I looked back was..... a gigantic crater reaching 10m in diameter.

It would have been dangerous if I didn't quickly escape.

Why, did this guy suddenly appear in front of me?

[Oh, to be able to dodge it, not bad, for a human]

“Wh!? It talked!?”

[Don't lump a king like me together with the ordinary orcs]

Gu, adding the previous offensive ability, and it even has intelligence..... this might really be bad.

[Nu, finally you came you slowpokes]

The slowpokes the Orc·King spoke of, as far as we are concerned, they add to our despair.

The three Orc·Generals coming from the north. They have finally arrived.

Name : Orc·General

LV : 27

Race : Demon Race

Gender:Female

[Skill]

Absolute Evasion

Probability

[Ability]

Roar

Name : Orc·General

LV : 27

Race : Demon Race

Gender : Male

[Skill]

Unbeatable

Defence Rise

[Ability]

None

Name : Orc·General

LV : 24

Race : Demon Race

Gender:Male

[Skill] Mitigate
Sorcery Extremity
[Ability]
Roar

“Aisha-san, knight-san..... I will fight with all my strength now.That’s why, the both of you please run as far as possible. If the both of you are here I can’t bring out my full power.....”

“That’s absurd you know!? We can’t even win against one general with just us, if we’re gonna fight it’ll be the three of us! If it’s the three of us there might be a chance.....”

“.....That’s impossible you know, defeating that is..... If I can’t use my Skills with all my strength then it’s definitely impossible”

Probably it planned to show us its calmness, the Orc·King grinned looking at our exchange.

It doesn’t seem to plan to attack us now.

Probably imitating it, the generals also did not move.

Now’s the chance.

I’ll steal all their Skills in one go.

Firstly, I plunder the generals’ Skills in one go.

I pasted [Absolute Evasion] [Probability] [Unbeatable] [Defence Rise] [Mitigate] [Sorcery Extremity] onto myself.

To save time, I left the abilities alone.

Then, I’ll plunder the King’s Skills!

[King’s Intimidation] [Unique Magic·Space-time] and [Realize]

As I did that, the gigantic golden battleaxe the King was holding disappeared from its hand.

What the, what happened? Does that battleaxe have something to do with this Skill?

Naturally, the King also does not know what happened.
That's a matter of course. There's no way a Skill disappearing is normal.

The King stared fixedly at its right hand which was holding the battleaxe with a surprised expression.

“.....You bastard, what did you do?.....What the hell did you doooooo!!!!!!”

At last, it seemed to understand that I had done something.

The grinning expression it had up until now completely disappeared, it let out a shout where I thought won't my eardrums tear?

“Run the both of you!!!!”

As I said that in a loud voice, probably from the instinctive fear they felt from the King who suddenly became violent, Aisha-san and knight-san broke into a run with all their strength.

Thank goodness, they obediently escaped..... if they still insisted on fighting together it would have been seriously bad.

I can fight with full strength like this now that the I don't need to worry about involving the two of them.

Looking at the two's retreating figures, I made a new resolution.

Now then, let's do this! I'll resist you with all my strength, so don't think you can kill me easily!!!!

First, I need to defeat the generals.

If not, they might aim at Aisha-san's group, and I wouldn't be able to concentrate on the battle.

I casted all the self-enhancement I have on myself, aiming at the three generals who still haven't moved, and shot out magic at full strength.

“Uooooooooooooooooo!!!!!!”

[AoE Magic·Fire Colossal] [AoE Magic·Wind Colossal] [AoE Magic·Water Colossal]
[AoE Magic·Earth Colossal]

Shooting out colossal magic rapidly in one go, a violent explosion and impact spread

out all around, like a lethal weapon.

“Not enough, Still not good enough! More more moreeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!!!!!!!”

Before the flying earth, sand, dustclouds and the like settles down, I fired the same colossal magic again in succession.

Once again, a explosion and impact spread around the surroundings.

I don't know what happened because of the rising dustcloud, but at the very least the generals probably received damage to an extent.

As I stared at the other side of dustcloud without being careless, a large dark brown mass rushed over with a fierce vigor.

Like what i previously expected it was the Orc · King.

As expected, I couldn't defeat the Orc · King with just these magic.

Seeing that the generals didn't rush out, I probably did it? However with the Orc · King rushing over right now, I don't have time to check.

Against the charging Orc · King, I crossed my arms and caught the charge.

Normally, it would of course be an impossible choice.

To receive the charge of a Calamity-class.

However, I plundered defence Skills from the generals, and casted them along with self-enhancements.

The me right now whose Level has increased greatly..... can definitely stop it!!!

“Come!!!! I'll stop your blow!!!!”

“A human like youuuuuu don't you underestimate meeeeeee”

With something like a shoulder charge, though it was stained in blood from Colossal magic, it thrust its shoulder with a intense momentum.

As if it's ridiculing my cross block!!!

“Dogooooooooon!!!!”

A tremendous sound of the impact resounded in the surroundings.

“Gu, gu, gugigigigi”

The charge of a Calamity-class monster..... though I was stained in blood I managed to stopped its blow.

It probably received a shock from a human stopping its full strength shoulder charge. The King·Orc’s movements stopped for a moment.

I can’t miss this chance!!!!

“Uooooooooooooo!!!!”

I hit the Orc·King with [Martial Arts : Shark Glow] loaded with all my self-enhancements.

A strike which will tear even Orc·Generals into pieces, if it’s this then there’s no way you will be unscathed!

.....However, contrary to my expectations, the steel dagger wasn’t able to receive the overwhelming destructive power, the edge of the blade was lodged in the Orc·King’s stomach and snapped.

The blow I staked everything upon, though not uninjured, was unable to deliver the damage I had expected.

Though, probably because I couldn’t injure it until now, while it let out a roar, it started recklessly swinging its arms vigorously.

I who had just released the martial arts couldn’t maintain a stable stance, directly received the full strength of that attack, and was sent flying ten-odd metres.

Unable to take a ukemi at the remaining shock, I tumbled down to the ground. Rolling several metres, when the momentum ended, my whole body was covered in wounds, and I was stained in blood once again.

Probably because my left arm which was hit couldn’t take a defence posture, and the Skill was not effective, it bended in a weird direction, and was dangling loosely.

“Ugaaaaaaaaaaa”

I reflexively shouted due to the severe pain.

Since I was bestowed with Skills, I never received this much damage up until now.

Though it was an Orc·King and Shark Glow was incomplete, it had received large damage.

Maybe because of the pain, its feet has stopped, while raising its roar, it glared over here.

Not missing that chance I used [Magic·Large Recovery] and [Magic·Small Recovery], and healed the damage.

Since I don't have time to fully recover, when I finished recovered to an extent I used [Support Magic·Gradual Restoration Large (Vitality)].

With this I've become somewhat better.

Leaving that aside I must think of a plan to overcome the current situation.

Though that guy's weapon is gone, my steel dagger is also gone.

Though I have the "Dagger of Origin", that is of a lower rank compared to the steel dagger, I don't think it can possibly get through to the Orc·King. *(TLN: prev Dagger of Origin)*

The point where both of us have lost our weapons, even though both of us are in the same situation, it is overwhelmingly disadvantageous to me.

Now, for the sake of receiving damage, if only the timing fits, that guy's attack will break through my defence hardened from my Skills.

If it becomes a war of attrition, no matter how much I continue recovering, it is clear that it will become worse.

On the other hand, I who have lost my weapon can only use [Grappling·Extreme] now. If I use Skills that can raise my offensive power at the same time, I might be able to deal some damage, but if I think of what happened until now, I dare say that my fist will receive more serious damage.

If I at least have some kind of knuckle guard, I'll be able to manage somehow, but it can't be helped that I'm demanding something I don't have in such a situation.

.....I can use magic, even with using magic, which eliminated generals, in waves, I can

only deal a little damage.

Something, if only I have a weapon I can use.....

Hm? A weapon....., huh. Perhaps I might somehow manage.

While being careful about the Orc · King's movements, in order to confirm whether my idea is correct, I appraised a certain Skill.

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THE ORC SETTLEMENT (5)

Something, if only I had a weapon I can use.....

Hm? A weapon.....huh, perhaps I might be able to manage.

While being careful about the Orc · King's movements, in order to confirm whether my idea is correct, I appraised a certain Skill.

[Realize] : Able to materialise a known non-living thing. Depending on the Skill holder's imagination, various abilities can be granted.

As expected, it's true! Because I plundered this the golden battleaxe the Orc · King was holding disappeared.

If I use this Skill..... I might be able to obtain a weapon.

Right now, I desire a dagger.

The strongest dagger which can cut up even an Orc · King.

Since it's a "known weapon" according to the Skill's explanation, if it's a dagger which can defeat that guy.....

A sacred dagger recorded in the [The Story of the Hero Alexandrite] which I had read when otou-san and okaa-san was still alive.

Using [Realise], loading with all my thoughts, I shouted out that name!!!!

"Come! "Twirling!!!!"

At that moment, in my right palm, a rainbow-colour shone, to the extent that I couldn't open my eyes..... it changed to the shape of a dagger.

That's right, what my right hand is grasping now is the legendary weapon which only exists inside the story, "Twirling".

I could feel a tremendous torrent of power entering me from Twirling.

However.....in exchange..... my emotional strength seems to be rapidly shaved off..... if I use this for a long time there's no doubt that I will collapse.

“Short term decisive battle”, there’s only this.

Preparing myself as such, glaring severely at the Orc · King, that guy was also showing an expression of anger never seen before towards me.

“Y, you bastard!! That weapon is.....! Made using the same Skill as mine right! My weapon disappearing was as expected your fault!!!! I won’t forgive you!!!!”

While raising its fist overhead with a raging force, the Orc · King rushed towards me, towards that, I hit upon another plan.

That plan is.....

I’ll use [Paste] when that guy closes in until 10 metres are left, and stick the sole of its foot to the ground.

If it’s the Orc · King’s leg strength, even while it’s prying its leg out, it seems to be able to walk.

However, now while it’s rushing towards me with all its might, there will be an immediate result.

For you see, he’ll trip in the middle of charging at full strength.

Thus, the plan went as expected, and succeeded.

While a tremendous sound of the impact was made, that guy showily collapsed.
.....Yes, exactly in front of me. That defenceless figure!!!!

[Strong Arm · Extreme] [Arm Strength · Extreme] [Strength Rise] [Body Enhancement · Large] loading these Skills with all my strength.....!!!!!!

“Eat this!!! [Martial Arts : Shark Glow] !”

[Duooooooooooooon!!!!!!]

This is probably the surely the loudest impact sound in this battle.

With vibration and a sound of impact that made me think that my eardrums were about to tear, Twirling splendidly cut up the Orc · King.

Thus, finishing its duty, Twirling became fragments of light and disappeared from my hand.

It might still be alive..... thinking such while carefully being on guard, I wait and see but it didn't even twitch.

It's like a corpse.....

A Calamity-class monster, Orc · King, had now its life taken by me.

“.....D, did I win.....?”

I can surely feel relieved, so I thought.

My lower body suddenly lost strength, and collapsed at that spot as if crumbling down.

Unable to put strength into my body, it seems that I was more exhausted than I thought.

“Myne-kun!!”

I heard Aisha-san's voice. Thank goodness, nothing happened to them huh.

Ah, which reminds me, the generals.....? I wonder what happened to them..... after my rapid firing of magic, since the king plunged towards me I couldn't confirm their deaths.

It'd be bad if they're still alive, forcing my body which couldn't move, I panickedly looked to the area the generals were in.

As I did that, there were three burnt and roasted corpses of the general scattered about.

Somehow, it seems that I was able to defeat them with that wave of attacks.

Seeing there are no unresolved problems, as I once again took a breath, a soft mass embraced me with an amazing force.

Yes, it's Aisha-san.

“Myne-kun, you..... you child you.....”

Tears falling from her eyes, it seems that she couldn't control her emotions.

The words she said was also mixed in with sobbing, and I couldn't understand what

she was saying.

It's understandable, after all a Calamity-class, the Orc·King, was in front of their eyes. They probably predicted that I would surely die.

I..... hesitantly softly wrapped my arms around her back, as if soothing a little child, I lightly patted.

“Fuu, you're outrageous..... To defeat an Orc·King and then three Orc·Generals by yourself.....”

Ah, it's the female knight-san Aisha-san was with.
Thank goodness, nothing happened to her too.

Orcs are exactly as stated, a menace to women.
This female-knight san is also equally beautiful to Aisha-san.

If I had failed to defeat the generals, Aisha-san and this beauty-san will definitely be raped and made into seedbeds by the orcs.

For it to not end like that, it's really a good thing..... tte, I have to save the woman captured by those guys! (*TLN: tte is a retort*)

“For now, let's leave the complicated talk for later..... rather than that, a human girl has been captured by the orcs, we need to rescue her”

Seeing as far as possible using [Presence Detect·Moderate], there isn't even one presence of orcs.

I think the Orc·Generals have probably gathered them to the north and brought her there.

“I think they have probably captured her to somewhere in the northern area of the settlement. When I discovered this settlement nothing happened to her but..... it would be good if she's safe but.....”

Though I was borrowing Aisha-san and female knight-san's shoulders, we were able to find the captured woman.

In a conspicuously large building which we consider as probably the Orc·King's dwelling, she was left there alone.

Thinking about the worst case, inside the building I was brought in by the both of them, the girl was lucky, and hasn't fallen into the orcs' evil clutches.

I was told that when she was about to be assaulted, it seems that a terrific explosion was heard from outside, hearing that, the orcs left her alone and all of them went outside.

.....Probably, it was the sound of the explosion when I first used [AoE Magic·Fire Colossal].

Although that explosion, as far as I'm concerned, increased the probability of me being discovered by the orcs, which I could not welcome, the result was spot on.

Since everything's finished, that's why I can say that!

For the time being, we escorted her to the town of Lucas.

Well then, I ended up using my Skills in front of the both of them..... I have to think of something to deceive them.

CHAPTER 27

AT THAT TIME, THE GIRLS (1)

(Aisha's POV)

".....This is his house huh"

While thinking this and that about Myne-kun's Skills, we reached our destination: his house.

I've heard that he lives alone, but the house is bigger than I imagined.

I've heard that his dead father was a famous hunter, and earned quite the income.

Myne-kun who was erased from the guild probably plans to succeed his father in being a hunter.

As I thought that, Hime-sama muttered "Fumu", and knocked at the entrance.

"Myne-dono, sorry but can you please come out"

Since there's no reply, she repeated the same thing again, but as expected no reply was returned. Seems like he isn't home.

".....Now then, what should we do"

Seeing that Myne-kun's track ended there, Hime-sama seems to be fairly discouraged.

Knowing Hime-sama's aim, seeing that, I had a complicated feeling of relief.

.....Yes, Hime-sama's aim..... Even though I have nothing to do with it.

For some reason, as I am unable to put my hazy feelings in order, somebody suddenly called out from behind.

"You have business with Myne-bouzu? If it's him, he went to the forest at the back to get orcs' meat"

When I turned back, I realised it was a oji-san with good physique wearing an apron with blood on them who called out to us.

“The oji-san from the butcher!?”

As I called that out, Oji-san also seem to have realised it was me and raised his hands.

“Oh, if it isn’t Aisha-chan, you’re as beautiful as ever huh!”

“Oji-san, is it true that Myne-kun went out to hunt orcs!?”

“It’s true! He’s also recently sold orc meat to me after all, good grief he’s a great lad. He probably got a very good Skill from Kami-san!”

Hime-sama, gaining a new lead on Myne-kun, probably showed an expression of delight..... Though it can’t be seen since she’s wearing a hood.

Naturally, if we keep pursuing him, him going to hunt orcs, bringing the bow for the sake of guarding Hime-sama isn’t for nothing.

I feel sorry for him, but if I, a former adventurer, sees him battling I’ll be able to verify what kind of Skill he has to an extent.

Of course, I don’t plan to report it to the guild leader, but as expected, I can’t help but be curious.

After Hime-sama and I expressed our thanks to oji-san, We headed towards the forest spread out at the back of the town.



[Zugaga――n!]

Walking in the forest, even though we came quite deep into it, we couldn’t locate Myne-kun, or even a foolish orc.

As I pondered on why this is happening, suddenly some kind of sound of destruction could be heard from deep within the forest.

.....Probably, that is the sound of him fighting with orcs.

Hime-sama probably thought of the same thing, taking off her hood and exposing her bare face, she nodded towards me.

“Let’s hurry, Aisha!!”

Hime-sama said that and broke off into a run. Of course, I didn’t fall behind.

As we ran a few minutes towards the source of the sound, the trees gradually lessened. Then, what I saw after we came out from the forest was..... an orc settlement.

“.....For there to be an orc settlement in such a place.....”

As I was dumbfounded, Hime-sama seemed to have found Myne-kun.

“T, that’s bad, Aisha!”

As I looked in the direction Hime-sama was panickedly looking at..... it was the figure of Myne-kun directly receiving fire magic.

Panickedly straining the bow, I loaded three arrows..... and drew the bow with all my strength.

Deciding my aim so that the stone axe facing Myne-kun falls..... and shot.

[Gyuooooooooooooooooo]

Confirming the arrows which were flying while cutting through the wind, I shouted in a loud voice.

“Myne-kun!!!! Don’t give up!!!!!!”

Probably hearing my voice, he looked over here and showed a surprised look. Seeing that figure, a smile reflexively surfaced.

Ah, thank goodness I was in time.

The arrows I shot hitting the orc who wanted to injure Myne-kun, I successfully helped him.

However, I still couldn’t feel relieved.

His whole body is seriously injured from receiving a direct hit from the previous fire magic.

If I don't defeat the four orcs over there, he'll die.
Such a thing, I will absolutely not accept.

Continuing loading arrows on my bow, I fired them in succession.

"Aisha-san, it's no use, run!!"

Although I heard Myne-kun's shout, I ignored such a thing.

I am a former B-rank adventurer after all, even if my enemies are orcs, I wouldn't fail that easily.

Furthermore Hime-sama is here.

With a princess, with a nickname "Princess Knight", who has top-level fighting strength even within the kingdom, there's no need to escape.

Hime-sama drew out the Mythril Sword affixed at her waist, I could see that she was estimating the timing to slash at the orcs.

However, rather than saying she never slashed at them, it should be that there wasn't a need to.

Myne-kun had stood up, and in a blink of an eye slayed the four orcs.

Though I couldn't properly confirm, the moment before he slashed at them, I felt that his body shined, that's why I think he used a self-enhancement related Skill.

His Skill is probably some kind of self-enhancement related..... Huh? But Hime-sama seemed to have said that his Skills are not for battle.....

As I looked at Hime-sama, she was probably thinking the same thing.
She furrowed her nicely shaped brows, and appeared to be pondering.

In any case, the urgent threat has disappeared.

Hurrying over to Myne-kun, I have to quickly cast recovery magic.....!

"Myne-kun! Are you alright!? Wait a while, I'll immediately heal you!!"

"I'm alright, I can do that myself..... Leaving that aside, the two of you please quickly run away from here. Three Orc · Generals will soon come here"

Healing himself.....? Is the second Skill Myne-kun was bestowed with recovery magic? Tte, rather than that what did he just say? Did he say Orc·General? Generals are S-rank Monsters right?

And three of them are coming? Why do you know about that, Myne-kun?? Aah~ I don't understand, there's only things I don't understand!

While I was confused, Hime-sama continued the conversation with Myne-kun.

“W, wait!? Did you say Orc·General? Why's an S-rank monster in such a place!?”

“I don't know the reason, and I don't have time to think, quickly run away!! Besides the thing about the generals being here.....”

“An Orc·General being here..... I see!? That also means there's an Orc·King here!!!?”

Aah, that's right...,speaking about Orc·Generals, they are the Orc·King's bodyguards. It's surely as Hime-sama said, an Orc·King might be here, that's bad! We have to escape just like Myne-kun said!!

However, if we're escaping, Myne-kun also has to be with.....

[Ugoooooooooooo!!!!!!]

My thoughts were suddenly interrupted by the shout of something resounding all around us.

This shout which can make my body involuntarily shudder.....

“The both of you hurry up..... quickly run away from here! Quickly!!!!”

Myne-kun, hearing that voice, panicked more, and urged us to escape.

Yes, the owner of that shout, what it is..... I know. Even though I knew, I didn't want to accept it.

However, an orc holding a gigantic golden battleaxe suddenly appeared in front of my eyes.

At the moment I saw that, I have no choice but to accept it.

Myne-kun's shout then affirmed my guess.

"Why is the "King" here first!!! Damn it!!!!"

CHAPTER 28

AT THAT TIME, THE GIRLS (2)

(Sylphid's POV)

Weird, as expected, he's weird.

I heard from the temple that he has two Skills.
Only [Appraisal · Complete] and [Cut & Paste].

Even so, he used a self-enhancement Skill?

Furthermore, directly receiving fire magic to such an extent, the damage he received made him had no choice but to all on his knees in the presence of the enemy.
However, after receiving backup from Aisha, he easily cut down four orcs.

In the first place if it's solo hunting orcs, it's impossible if one doesn't have the strength of a B-rank adventurer.
Even so, as if it was nothing, he slayed four orcs in the blink of an eye.

And then, when I was beside him seeing the injury he has..... As if healing his injuries with a "Recovery-type Skill", his injuries were almost healed.

.....Exactly, what kind of secret does he have!?

"Why is the "King" here first!!! Damn it!!!!"

When the Calamity-class monster "Orc · King" was in front of my eyes, I'm ashamed to say but my body froze, and couldn't move.
Aisha who was beside me seemed to also couldn't move.

At the chance where we couldn't move, the Orc · King attacked with that large golden battleaxe.
If Myne didn't help right away, there's no doubt that Aisha and I would have died.
"Aisha-san, knight-san..... I will fight with all my strength now.That's why, the both of you please run as far as possible. If the both of you are here I can't bring out my full power....."

“That’s absurd you know!? We can’t even win against one general with just us, if we’re gonna fight it’ll be the three of us! If it’s the three of us there might be a chance.....”

“.....That’s impossible you know, defeating that is..... If I can’t use my Skills with all my strength then it’s definitely impossible”

it seems that he plans to take on the three generals and the king by himself.
He said he’ll use his Skills with all his strength right?

In other words, even sending the orcs just now to oblivion wasn’t his full power.
.....I see, with us here it’s surely a hindrance.

It’s because there’s nothing harder, fighting something stronger while protecting.
Thus, unfortunately, it’s obvious that Aisha and I are nothing but burdens when fighting against those guys.

Aisha claimed that we will be stronger fighting with the three of us, but I think it’s best that we pull out here like he said.
Though I have confidence in my skill, honestly it’s difficult to say whether I can even defeat one general.

As I thought as such, while the King suddenly shouted, it began to act violently.
That’s because the battleaxe it was holding suddenly disappeared.

Is this also Myne’s doing?
If that’s true, it’s not something I can understand with my knowledge..... What in the world did he do?
“Run the both of you!!!!”

Told that by Myne, I didn’t complain and started running towards the forest.
Though Aisha seems to be dissatisfied, she followed me.

Now then, this should be enough?

I’ll entrust my life to you, that’s why..... show me to your heart’s content! The full strength you said!!



Thus, his life or death battle started.

He used magic, and not just one attribute, but fire wind water and earth.
And I think all of those are Colossal-class power magic.

Probably from the wave of Colossal-class magic, I think he wants to settle the generals first.

If the generals interrupt when he's fighting with the king, he understands that it will be an overwhelmingly unfavorable situation.

And..... probably, so that the generals don't come to us.

In the middle of this desperate fight by only himself, we are surprised because he could worry about us.

".....He's amazing huh"

Though it was a soliloquy I accidentally muttered, Aisha seems to think the same and replied "Isn't he".

She then brought both her hands together, shut her eyes and started praying.

Probably, no, without a doubt she's wishing for Myne's victory.

That's right, the only thing we can do now is to pray to God huh.
I don't know why God bestowed the Skills to Myne-kun.

However, for him to put himself in such a desperate battle is without a doubt due to the Skills he was bestowed with.

If that's so God! Let Myne somehow win, help him out so that he will return to where we are safely.

Like Aisha I joined my hands together, and strongly strongly offered my prayers.



Myne is putting up a better fight than I had expected.

Whatever happened, it now seems absurd to question his ability, since he showed a good match using a lot of Skills.

.....However, the dagger Myne was holding had snapped.

If his weapon is gone, there is no way for Myne to fight.

Although the Orc · King also lost his weapon, orcs have physical strength which defies common sense in the first place.

Just by swinging their arms, they can defeat humans and others in a moment.

Myne has a good command of his Skills, and has been resisting the Orc · King's attacks, but now that he has lost his weapon, there's no doubt that the situation will gradually worsen.

"This is bad....."

"Yeah....."

Aisha probably reached the same conclusion.

Staring at Myne, who was desperately fighting with a ghastly pale face.

Then, she probably made a resolution.

Preparing the she was holding bow, she was about to shoot an arrow as the Orc · King.

"Stop that!"

I restrained Aisha in a panic.

"Even if you were to attack, it won't change the result. Instead you would make Myne unable to control its Hate and only cause him trouble"

"Hate", namely, enmity.

About controlling this enmity, especially when fighting monsters in a party, you have to care about it.

For humans, if they were to be hit, it will remember the human who hit it and return it.

Against several opponents, in the situation where there is enmity, naturally it will target the opponent it is most angry with = the one with strongest enmity.

For monsters, similar to humans, they will attack the one who accumulates the most enmity.

Using this, parties will coordinate so that the people who are in a position called Shielder will always receive the most enmity.

The other members will slowly attack it so that they don't cross over the enmity the Shielder has earned, and finally defeat it unscathed.

This is the tactics for the general party.

Aisha who tried to attack, might disturb the Hate·Control Myne is desperately doing. If it received an attack from an unexpected place, the Orc·King's awareness will naturally be turned towards here.

Of course, since there is an obstacle called Myne, it won't immediately come towards here, but the Orc·King isn't an enemy who can do things we can't imagine.

Since it's impossible for Aisha, a former B-rank adventurer, to not know of such a thing, she must be flustered.

Listening to my restraint, I realised she was grinding her molars.
She's undoubtedly angry with herself for being unable to do anything.

Even I feel that too! I, unable to cover him, who is fighting a difficult fight right now, can't help but feel angry at myself.

However, while we were having such a conflict, the fight has progressed greatly.



“W, what happened.....?”

Suddenly, while thinking that Myne’s hand shone, a beautiful dagger which I have never seen before appeared.

Even from such a distance, I know that that dagger holds a tremendous power.

Is that, his Skill too.....

Perhaps he himself is a god, reflexively I even thought of such an absurd thing.

He is an incomprehensible existence to such an extent.

Then, that moment finally arrived.

He also showed it before, probably that is [Martial Arts: Shark Glow].

With that overwhelming destructive power, the Calamity-class monster, Orc · King, fell to the ground.

Phew, thanks to him we were able to somehow survive.

If it’s him..... he may perfectly fulfil my hopes.

In other words, my aim can be achieved.

Now then, I need to think of how to make him understand my aim after this.

Aisha who was showing a happy smile beside me glanced over here, she’s also probably.....

Like this, Aisha and I rushed over to Myne’s side.

CHAPTER 29

THE PRINCESS KNIGHT SYLPHID•AUGUSTA

Putting away the corpses of the Orc · King and Orc · Generals, we safely returned to the Town of Lucas.

On the way back, I was extremely worried that they will ask about my Skills, but in the end, they did not ask.

Perhaps they didn't notice?

No, no matter how you put it that's impossible huh..... I used such showy magic, and they even saw Twirling.

On the contrary not asking anything makes it all the more weird.

I'd be bringing trouble by touching upon that subject, but it's really awkward.....

Aisha-san and the female knight-san seems to be first bringing the woman · Amy-san, who as captured by the orcs to the guild.

I was told that we need to first report the orc settlement to the guild leader.

Ah, if the guild leader were to know that I defeated the Orc · King, won't he ask about my Skills again.....

Rather than that, he'll hear all about them from these two huh.

This is depressing..... I should probably escape to another town soon.

However, I can't possibly abandon the house otou-san and okaa-san left me.....

While feeling dejected, we arrived at the town.

It seems that I was making an excessively terrible face.

The gatekeeper-san I was acquainted with looked at me and made a concerned face.

“Now then, after we finished the things at the guild, I think I'll visit your house. Sorry but I'd like for you to not go out and wait.”

Parting, the female knight-san informed me.

It's here, it's here, it's here———!She even especially forced me so that I don't go out, you know!?

I who had my way out blocked, had not choice but to say “.....yes” feebly and return a nod.

Aisha-san who looked at our exchange showed a sorrowful expression, but felt a little anxious.

Was that my imagination.....?

Though my nerves were worn out, I somehow finally arrived at my home safely, gulped down well water repetitively, and could finally let out a breath.

Now, although I defeat a lot of orcs, I wonder what my level has become.....?

Name: Myne

LV : 61

Occupation : Hume

Gender : Male

Age : 15 years

Occupation : Hunter

[Skill]

Appraisal · Complete LV3 (69/300)

Cut & Paste (91/200)

Tenfold Experience Acquisition (-/-)

King's Intimidation (0/50)

Realize (50/200)

Dagger · Extreme LV4 (65/300)

Grappling · Extreme Lv4 (19/200)

Twin Blades · Extreme LV3 (8/200)

Two-handed Axe · Extreme (0/50)

One-handed Sword (0/50)

Two-handed Sword (0/50)

One-handed Axe (0/50)

Body Enhancement · Small LV3 (149/200)

Body Enhancement · Large LV2 (79/200)

Physical Strength Enhancement · Extreme LV2 (17/200) *(TLN: Prev arm strength)*

Leg Enhancement · Small LV3 (36/200)

Sight Enhancement · Moderate LV2 (3/200)

Finger Bullet Lv3 (1/150)

Swift Feet (Small) LV2 (93/100)

Strong Arm LV3 (130/200)

Strong Arm · Extreme LV2 (60/200)

Iron Wall LV 3 (99/200)

Incitement (0/50) *(TLN: Prev agitation)*

Presence Erasure · Moderate LV3 (186/200)

Presence Detection · Moderate LV2 (191/200)

Strength Rise (32/50)

Physics Rise (18/50)

Defence Rise (18/50)

Unbeatable (0/50)

Mitigate (18/50)

Absolute Evasion (10/50)

Sorcery Extremity LV2 (4/200)

Magic · Fire (0/50)

Magic · Water (0/50)

Magic · Wind (12/50)

Magic · Small Recovery (36/50)

Magic · Large Recovery (0/50)

AoE Magic · Fire Colossal LV2 (154/200) *(TLN: Prev maximum)*

AoE Magic · Wind Colossal LV2 (123/200)

AoE Magic · Water Colossal LV2 (21/200)

AoE Magic · Earth Colossal LV2 (21/200)

Vitality Absorption · Large (0/50) *(TLN: Prev stamina)*

Unique Magic · Space-time (0/50)

Support Magic · Speed Reduction LV2 (69/200)

Support Magic · Defence Reduction LV2 (2/200)

Support Magic · Sleep (1/50)

Support Magic · Gradual Restoration Small (Vitality) LV2 (58/200)
Support Magic · Gradual Restoration Large (Vitality) LV2 (58/200)

Fire Attribute · Resistance (49/50)
Water Attribute · Resistance (0/50)
Wind Attribute · Resistance (0/50)
Earth Attribute · Resistance (0/50)
Light Attribute · Resistance (0/50)
Dark Attribute · Resistance (0/50)

Probability (0/50)
Cooking (19/50)
Sewing (0/50)
Etiquette (0/50)
Art of Negotiation (2/50)
Alchemy (6/50)
Cleaning (11/50)
Tame (0/50)
Woodworking (0/50)

Martial Arts : Successive Shot (0/200)
Martial Arts : Consecutive Attacks (0/200)
Martial Arts : Shark Glow (100/200)
Martial Arts : Sharpness · Sword (0/200)

Uwaa..... This is startling, if I do say so myself, what is this.

My level's 61, this is an all-time high among the times I've appraised levels..... It's two time higher than the highest person.

Though I think it's due to [Tenfold Experience Acquisition], I seriously can't tell people, this.....

F, for now, let's forget it. Yes, let's forget (escape from reality).

Ah, that's right that's right! Yes, I have to dismantle the orcs!!

Because otou-san was a hunter, my house has a big dismantling shed in the yard.

I'm told that when otou-san was building the house, since it would be convenient to transport the prey and dismantle them, he built them together.

The place is suitable for handling a large quantity of orcs like this time.
Thank you otou-san!

It's not so bad if it's only orcs, but if I were to expose the generals and king to the public gaze, a panic might happen.

However, the butcher's oji-san and alchemy shop's onii-san....., I wonder if they'll buy the general and king.

If they wouldn't buy it, I'll.....eat it, I guess? But, it's definitely impossible for me to eat all of them alone.

Whatever, it's no use even if I think about it, for the time being let's dismantle the numerous orcs and high orcs.



At about 10 of them, as I ended the dismantling I heard a voice from the entryway.
Ah, it's finally here.....

While feeling dejected from my escapism time ending, I headed towards the entryway.

As I opened the door, as I had expected, it was the female knight-san and..... huh?
Aisha-san's also here.

I wonder if everything's alright at the guild?

"Sorry, for taking your time"

".....No, it's not a problem. It's a little messy, but for now please enter"

There's no way to talk about my Skills in public.

I originally did not want to let beautiful women like the female knight-san and Aisha-san into the house, but I'll endure.

Well, in the first place I keep things tidy and thanks to the [Cleaning] Skill I have confidence that it's cleaner recently compared to before.

Guiding the both of them to the living room, I prepared tea and brought them out to

them.

“It’s low grade tea but.....”

The two of them said thanks and started drinking the tea.

Ah, I’m a little nervous..... Why in the world did they come here for?

“.....Now then, let’s start with self-introductions. I think I am relatively famous, but because from looking at you, you don’t seem to know who I am, huh”

Hm? What did she say? A famous person??.....Nope, I don’t know her at all.

“My name is Sylphid·Augusta, this country’s first princess. I have been given a exaggerated title called Princess Knight”

Ge!? A, a princess!!!! This is bad you know!? Wasn’t not knowing the princess treason? I’ll be arrested for such a thing??

Probably noticing my starting, the princess showed a smile and waved her hand lightly.

“I generally understand what you’re thinking about, no need to worry. In the first place you’re my lifesaver you know? I won’t complain about something like my benefactor not knowing my name”

Phew, I’m saved.....

If I were to be arrested because of such a thing it’d be way too ridiculous.....

“Nonetheless, I am sorry for not knowing”

Even if she tells me she won’t complain, I cannot afford to accept the words of royalty and nobles as it is.

In the first place, from their view, we commoners aren’t people they can directly talk to.

“No, please stop this, I’d be trouble if you were to take on such a humble attitude”

“.....I understand. And about what you wanted to talk with me.....”

Truthfully it's a topic I would like to avoid, but since the other party is a royalty, it'd be bad if I were to imprudently escape.

Then, I'll be arrested.....

"Yes, about that..... where should I start....., that's right let's start from the royalty"

As Oujo-sama said that, she started talking about the Skills royalty hold.

It's the same for the King and Queen, but even the three princes and two princesses, have Skills surpassing those of others, they are bestowed with Skills of the best combination by Kami-sama.

Normally, for a family to all have good compatibility of good Skills, is almost none. However, this seems to be the truth.

"By the way I have been bestowed a combination of [One-handed Sword·Extreme] and [Body Enhancement·Large]"

Oh, it's certainly an amazing combination.

Though it's dependent on her Level, if it's Oujo-sama then she might be able to battle against Orc·Generals.

Sylphid·Augusta

Race : Hume

LV : 27

Gender : Female

Age : 19 years

Occupation : Augusta Kingdom's First Princess

[Skill]

One-handed Sword·Extreme

Body Enhancement·Large

Grace

She certainly has the same Skills she had told me about.

Her Levels even 27, as expected of her, she might be able to battle against a general?

As I appraised Oujo-sama, Oujo-sama broadly grinned.

What is with that smile..... Aisha-san's also like that but no matter what kind of face beauties make they're still beauties huh.

However, somehow Oujo-sama's smile right now..... how do I say it, I feel like it's a

face that has done something.

“Now then, let’s continue. Do you know, why all the royalty are bestowed with good Skills?”

Hm? Isn’t it a coincidence since Skills are bestowed by Kami-sama?

Probably because Kami-sama stealthily handing over good Skills because she only favors the royalty.

Since they must make the country better, I understand if Kami-sama favors them. It’s definitely such a thing right?

“You seem to have hit upon something, tell me about it”

“Since royalty must properly make the country better, probably Kami-sama bestowed good Skills on purpose”

“Fumu, your interpretation’s interesting, thought the point itself isn’t wrong..... it’s different”

Hm? My point matches? But my answer is wrong??

“To tell you the truth, a kid born from companions with good Skills will have an extremely high chance bestowed with a good Skill from the same system”

.....Eh? What does that mean?

CHAPTER 30

SYLPHID'S AIM

“To tell you the truth, a kid born from companions with good Skills will have an extremely high chance bestowed with a good Skill from the same system”

.....Eh? What does that mean?

“In other words, we royalty intentionally choose from people with good Skills as our spouse. This is one way to guide the country down the right path, like you had said previously”

It seems that in order to search for suitable candidates as marriage partners for their children who will shoulder the next era, they receive reports of Skills bestowed upon new adults from the temple.

Thus, when an adult who has a good Skill appears, their character·personality are investigated so that there's no problem, and if there is no problem, they will reveal the information to the unmarried princes and princesses.

The princes and princesses who have obtained the information will personally confirm the other party, and if they judge that there's no problem, they will usher in the other party as spouses and start negotiations, it seems to be like that.

.....Eh?? That means.

“Yes, I came here to confirm with my own eyes whether you will become my partner”
What did she say!!!!

I, I, I, I as Oujo-sama's partner!!!!??

W, wait a minute, eh? What does that mean? The Oujo-sama in front of me becoming my wife? Eh? Eh? Ehhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!?

“Calm down, you naturally also want to choose your partner right? Though I am royalty, I wouldn't force a marriage with power of the state”

“.....I was really shocked”

“Yeah, your flustering was to the point of comical, it’s quite the sight you know”

She said that as she giggled.

Oujo-sama who smiled looking at my face has a completely different atmosphere from the dignified one up until just now, there was a cuteness befitting of her age.

Being an Oujo-sama is as expected difficult huh.

When I looked at Oujo-sama’s face, I was bothered by Aisha-san beside her who suddenly became bitter.

“Aisha-san, do you feel unwell? Are you alright?”

As I began to talk her, she forced a smile and answered “I’m alright”.

No matter how I see it you don’t look okay though.....

Since I was really indebted to Aisha-san, I am very worried about her.

Seeing the exchange between Aisha-san and I, Oujo-sama said “Fumu” and showed a gesture of pondering over something.

“For now, is it okay to continue?”

Ah, that’s right..... Since she suddenly talked about marriage the talk was interrupted.

“Ah, yes”

“You probably noticed from the talk just now, but I know about the Skill you were bestowed with”

[Dokun!!]

I felt my heart suddenly started moving violently.

It’s finally here! The thing I don’t want to be asked the most..... How should I deceive her.

I can’t think of anything at all..... boo-hoo.

“The Skills you were bestowed with and the battle style you had showed when battling with the Orc·King-tachi, no matter how I think I can’t connect these two”

An extremely hard to retort expression huh.....

Probably knowing that I was troubled, after glancing at my appearance Oujo-sama continued.

“I’ve heard from Aisha, that when requested by the guild leader to expose your Skills, you rejected that and was erased from the guild. I think it’s certainly one thing mysterious about the Skills you were bestowed with”

Aisha-san also gulped as she listened to Oujo-sama.

That’s true after all, to be told that the Skills were concealed to the extent of choosing to quit the guild.

There’s no way she won’t be curious.

“However, the Skills aren’t to the extent of quitting the guild no? Why, why did you hide it?”

“Also..... the many Skills you showed in the battle with the orcs. The maximum number of Skills Kami-sama can bestow is three”

Oujo-sama’s argument gradually drew nearer to the core.

“However, I could see that you used more than ten Skills. Furthermore the last one you showed..... the Skill to create a dagger”

“I have never heard of such a Skill, even I a royalty who has received reports on various Skill from the temple have never heard of it”

Ah [Realize] huh..... That, if I remember correctly, nobody had it and knew about it huh.

Since Orc·Kings differ from normal monsters, I think that’s why it has it, in the first place, if you don’t have [Appraisal·Skill] or [Appraisal·Complete], you won’t even know about it.

Probably, isn’t it something like a unique Skill?

Such a Skill was just before her eyes.
It can't be helped that she would have questions about it.

While I was thinking about such things, looking at my facial expression which was naturally cramped, she probably thought that it's bad to attack too much.
Oujo-sama stopped talking there, and apologised.

"Sorry, I was too agitated. I absolutely do not have the intention to condemn you"
"How about it, Aisha and I already know so much..... We won't tell anyone else, won't you tell us your secret?"

Well, that was what she said.
It's developed as I had expected.

What should I do..... I think I can trust Aisha-san.
No, I trust her.

However, since she's backed by the guild, I can't say it no matter what.

And Oujo-sama..... she doesn't seem to be a two-faced person, speaking of the two, I am more optimistic in trusting her.

However, her backer is even harder to handle than the guild.
After all, the country's backing her up.

If something goes wrong and it spreads to the nobles in the blink of an eye, they might restrain me in order to make use of me.
Thinking about that, as expected, I can't tell her either.

However, like what Oujo-sama said, there's also the truth that it's exposed this far.

They naturally do not know the real usage of [Cut & Paste], but they might spread the fact that I possess something special.

When I thought of that, I must think of a countermeasure for it.

".....Oujo-sama, as you have thought, I have a fairly special power. Regarding the contents of my Skills, I can't say it no matter what for my own safety"

“If my power were to be known, I think influential people will definitely desire that power. Because of that, my civil rights and such will be ignored.....”

“If that were to happen, I’d probably lose the place where I belong in this country..... That’s why I can’t talk about my Skills”

As I said what I had really felt, Oujo-sama and Aisha-san probably understood, and scowled while thinking.

“.....I see, your power’s stronger than what we imagine right? Well, that’s true, considering that power let you solo a Calamity-class”

As she said that, Oujo-sama closed her eyes and folded her arms. She seems to be thinking hard about something.

Without talking to anyone, after five minutes of silence passed, Oujo-sama spoke again.

“.....I understand well your reason for not saying your Skills. I certainly think that your thoughts are correct”

“However, you had just came of age right. Your whole life will still continue. Do you plan to live worrying everyday about when you will be exposed for that long life?”

!!!!!!!!!!!!

The words Oujo-sama threw at me pierced deep into my heart as if gouging it out.

Though I intentionally tried to not think about it, yes, it’s as Oujo-sama said. My life from now on, I have to live as I constantly worry about when my Skills would be exposed.

It’s still okay right now, but as time passes, my spirit will definitely gradually be worn out.

I definitely do not want to live such a harsh life.

Bestowed with the Skills by Kami-sama after so much troubles, I thought that I should live and work hard in my life from then on, but I definitely don’t want to be tormented. However, what should I do..... I don’t know.....

A large drop of tear fell from my eye.

I can only think of a dark future when it comes to future prospects.

Seeing that I suddenly started to shed tears, Oujo-sama started to panic.

“Ah, sorry, don’t cry..... I give up..... That’s right, no matter how strong you are you’re still a young man who just came of age huh”

“Saying such pessimistic things about your promising future, I am truly sorry, please forgive me”

Against my will, the tears would not stop.

At first only tears came out, but I started to sob, unrelated to my will.

“Ugu..... gusu, uuu, h..uh? Wei..rd..... wilfully, my, tears are.....”

Although I am already wailing, the situation as if not a hindrance, Aisha who watchfully waiting up until now suddenly began to talk.

“Myne-kun! Let’s form a party!!!”

CHAPTER 31

AISHA'S SUGGESTION

Hime-sama and Myne-kun's talk had started.

I think Hime-sama's most important aim is probably the "confirmation of whether Myne-kun is suitable as her partner".

And incidentally, I wonder if she doesn't plan to confirm his Skills, as well.

To Hime-sama, no, to royalty, the partner's Skills holds an extremely important meaning, after all.

Myne-kun and Hime-sama's marriage, thinking about that makes my chest hurt. This pain..... perhaps I hold good will towards Myne as the opposite sex.

I don't quite understand my own feelings..... but, when I hear about the marrying of Hime-sama and Myne-kun, my heart becomes restless.

.....Certainly, he's a little brother like existence which weighs upon my mind.

He's polite, and when the necessity arises he's a young man who has the courage to become a woman's shield.

Thus, him being an existence which I have some kind of expectations for is also mixed together.

The premonition I had when I became his exclusive receptionist, I don't think I was mistaken.

But it's like that, isn't it? Something like solo hunting a Calamity-class monster, it's definitely an impossible exploit after all.

I think that such a thing is probably impossible even for the famous King-sama as a hero.

He who holds such a strong power is crying in front of me..... and he's even bawling. Hime-sama's words probably gouged his heart deeply.

He's a young man who's just come of age.

Furthermore, he lost his parents early, and he has desperately lived by himself until today.

After finally becoming an adult, when he headed to the temple to be bestowed with his Skills, his heart was, without a doubt, overflowing with rays of hope he entrusted his life to.

Thus, since I didn't hear about it I don't know the details, but it seems he was bestowed with wonderful Skills.

It's easy to guess that it was most likely the most joyous event that has occurred in his life.

However, Hime-sama's previous words directly smashed his future that was overflowing with hope.

Of course, Hime-sama had absolutely no intention of doing such a thing.

Most likely, Myne-kun also understood the hardships of a life hiding his Skills.

However, he didn't think too deeply about that.

No, he probably tried not to think about it.

That's why, to Hime-sama's direct words.....he shed tears, I think.

Although Hime-sama isn't a bad person, this part of her where she can't quite understand the subtleties of the heart, is a bad part, I think.

I wonder what could hasten the solution to Myne-kun's problem.

.....Most likely, I think what he needs is a companion he can trust and consult with about anything.

Right now, his crying is because of an explosion of emotions, and a feeling of not knowing where to go.

If he had a companion who he could discuss the uneasiness he has had inside him up until now, I don't think this would have happened.

For him, he needs a companion who can support his heart..... one who he can trust from the bottom of his heart.

Right now, looking at the crying him, I decided in my heart.

After this I only need to convey the strong thoughts within me to him!!



“Myne-kun! Let’s form a party!!!”

Aisha-san suddenly called out to the crying me.
And it was a completely unexpected proposal at that.

It was so unexpected that I reflexively stopped crying.....

“.....Eh?”

Aah, Oujo-sama’s also wide-eyed in shock.
I was probably making the same face as well.....

“Myne-kun, I hereby swear. That I will absolutely not betray you, and will never tell others about your Skills!

Even if the world were to turn against you, I will be your only ally. Your life from this point on, if you were to not have anyone to consult with, I will be there for you. That’s why, it’s okay for you to not worry about living in fright from now on.”

I don’t know what I should do with Aisha-san’s sudden angry look.

My mouth only gaped widely, and I only heard Aisha-san’s words.

Seeing that kind of Aisha-san’s look and my condition, Oujo-sama showed a wry smile.

But that’s to be expected.

I also fully understand what I’m currently feeling.

“Hey, Aisha..... Is that a proposal?”

While being astounded, Oujo-sama asked Aisha-san a question.
Aah, that’s true! Now that she mentioned it, that could be taken as a proposal.

Aisha-san, who had had this pointed out to her by Oujo-sama, probably instantly came to her senses, and as she recalled her statement her face was dyed bright red.

“Eh, Eh? N, No, something like that, is.....surely..... though I am interested in Myne-kun.....”

Aisha-san’s behaviour became visibly weird.

“About forming a party with Myne, what do you plan to do with the guild? You can’t join a group while being a receptionist, right”

Oujo-sama calmly asked a question to Aisha-san who was about to blow her fuse.

That’s right, Aisha-san is a popular receptionist at the guild.

Although it’s not like she wouldn’t have time if she formed a party with me, there’s no way such a thing would be accepted.

As she said that, Aisha-san’s expression became serious, and she began to speak her thoughts.

“.....I’ve constantly been thinking ‘I wonder if this is okay’ ever since the guild leader talked about the erasure of Myne-kun’s guild registration.”

Somehow, it seems that Aisha-san has been thinking about the guild leader’s response since around the time when I returned my guild card.

And, she herself had felt a premonition that I will accomplish something.

That’s why she had become my exclusive receptionist, despite the fact that she had rejected every invitation up until that point.

And it seems that when I fought the Orc King in front of her eyes, that premonition turned into conviction.

Before even she had noticed, she, who could guess Oujo-sama’s aim (Confirmation of partner), had felt a hazy feeling close to that of jealousy.

Because I was bawling, it seems that she accidentally revealed her feelings.

“If it’s the guild, then I’m planning to quit it, you know”

Aisha-san declared that clearly without any hesitation.

I wonder if it's okay to do that for my sake..... but, as expected I can trust Aisha-san. I was able to hold such a belief.

If it's with Aisha-san, then being in a party will surely be alright. Although it's not the solution for the fundamental problem, I think we can definitely get a better answer than thinking by myself.

"If it's about what Myne-kun will accomplish, then I would like to see them with my own eyes. And I think I want to support your heart so that it doesn't break. Hime-sama, just now you asked me whether it was a proposal, but as of now I still don't know whether this feeling is love. In the first place, Myne-kun's age and mine is quite distant..... and we only just met....."

After Oujo-sama, even Aisha-san.....
My head is completely unable to keep up with the sudden gush of love talk.

Well, I am a guy after all. Being able to marry beauties like Aisha-san and Oujo-sama, there's no way I wouldn't be happy.

.....However, it's too sudden, and it won't solve the problem.

"Fumu, I understand Aisha's feelings.Well then, I will also make a proposal. A proposal which might be able to solve Myne's problem"

A proposal from Oujo-sama.

It seems like it'll become something serious again.....

CHAPTER 32

SYLPHID'S PROPOSAL

“Fumu, I understand Aisha’s feelings.Well then, I will also make a proposal. A proposal which might be able to solve Myne’s problem”

A proposal from Oujo-sama.

It seems like it’ll become something serious again.....

“I want to ask something before the suggestion. What will you do about the marriage proposal from Aisha and I?

I don’t know whether you know about it, but if you marry a woman from royalty, then polygamy is allowed if the King approves of it.

This is because it’s effective in extensively leaving behind the blood of someone with useful Skills.

Ah, that’s right. I don’t want you to misunderstand. I don’t have the right to succeed the throne.

You won’t be able to become a member of royalty if you marry me. You will be treated as kin to the royal family and will be able to found a house. Well, an emergent noble, so to speak.

Naturally, there’s no restrictions or things that can restrict your freedom from the royal family, so you don’t have to worry about that”

“Eh? Mine is also being treated as a marriage proposal!?”

“It’s true, isn’t it? Didn’t you say you want to support him your whole life?”

“I certainly did say that, but..... my mental preparations are..... umm..... a lot of.....”

.....This, isn’t the way they were saying it as if I will marry?

Well, as long as the problem where I can’t talk to people about my Skills disappears, I don’t have any objections.

After all, both of them are very beautiful. By all rights, for men like me, they are flowers on a high peak who can’t be reached even if we wished for it.

And yet, to be able to marry the both of them who are flowers on a high peak, I would

suspect whether it was some joke.

Though, that's probably unreasonable for Aisha-san who is willing to quit the guild and Oujo-sama.

".....Honestly speaking, I'm happy. Both of you are very beautiful..... you are too good for someone like me.

However, I'll say this no matter how many times I have to. I can't talk about my Skills, so....."

As I told them that in a depressed voice, Oujo-sama boldly grinned and folded her arms.

W, what's this? This composed manner?

"If the matter about your Skills can be settled, then you won't hesitate about marriage. That's what you mean, right?"

For some reason, she was full of confidence as she said that, wasn't she? I don't think my problem will be resolved that easily, though.....

I wonder what in the world Oujo-sama's proposal is.

"Firstly, I will return to the capital after this. And to father, I shall report my marriage with Myne..... are you alright up until here?"

No, it's completely not alright, though.....

"No no, my Skills can't be leaked to Ou-sama!"

I unintentionally inserted a retort to Oujo-sama, a member of royalty.

.....After all, I can't help it, right? You won't say I'm being impudent, right?

"Just now, didn't I say it? That I definitely wouldn't say anything about your Skills. I can't possibly trouble you who'll become my partner.

I definitely won't tell father about your Skills. Instead, I'll tell him that you defeated an Orc·King solo.

If I don't do that, there's no way he'll accept you being my partner"

Phew, she didn't say that I was impudent..... tte!? This isn't a situation to be relieved!!!?

Nononono, that's also bad, right!? Even I know that! How abnormal it is to defeat a Calamity-class by myself!?

He'll definitely relate it to my Skills, won't he!?

"I'll smoothly evade that topic. From now on is my suggestion. It's about the party Aisha was talking about.

For now, let me join too. We'll then make an application to the country as a "Clan"!"

Eh? What does that mean?

"Hime-sama..... Isn't that impossible? No matter how you put it, I don't think they'll accept a three-person clan....."

"Normally, that's true..... However"

While saying that, Oujo-sama looked at me and boldly smiled again.

"Think about it, it's three people consisting of I, the Princess Knight, "Sacred Bow" Aisha, though retired, a former B-rank adventurer, and in addition to that, Myne, who crushed an Orc · King solo, you know?

We fully satisfy the war potential acceptable as a Clan, right?"

"No, please wait! I beg you..... please don't talk about things I don't know. In the first place, what's a Clan!?"

Even though Oujo-sama accepted the retorts I had delivered twice, she taught me about Clans.

In summary, according to her, Clans are something like this.

- Specialising in a specific purpose, it's a private management organisation like the Guild (Battle, Commerce, Alchemy, etc.).

- To establish a Clan, there needs to be approval from the country. If it is judged that it isn't beneficial to the country, then there's hardly a chance of it being approved.

- The Clan and its members can refuse requests, directions and orders deemed unnecessary as an organisation.

· In contrast with the guild whose jurisdiction extends over to other countries, Clans exist under the country.

Roughly summarised, these seem to be the parts that have to do with my current matter.

To put it simply, if Aisha-san, Oujo-sama and I were to establish a Clan, there seems to be no need to answer questions by others (including the country) regarding my secrets.

Aisha-san and Oujo-sama are now in the same situation, huh.
Though they don't know my Skills, they know my strength.

However, the organisation, the Clan, will only be recognised within the Country of Augusta, so there will be no privileges, rights or responsibilities in other countries.

I see, certainly if it's this, in practice, third parties won't know what I'm doing and can only think [That guy's weird].

In the worst case, if they try to force information out of me, then I can report them to the government and that human will be punished by the country.

If I were to implement this, then the only problem I would have is whether I can put my trust in Aisha-san and Oujo-sama.

Of course, these are just empty theories at the moment, there is a possibility that some kind of problem will occur while actually living together.

However, there's no doubt that there can be a large advancement in the situation where I couldn't think of anything until now.

".....I see. Certainly, the problem might be solved if that's the case, huh?"

"Well, whether the country will recognise it or not, what kind of reaction Father will have, or whether there is a problem that must be solved..... Well, I won't propose something that doesn't have a chance of success"

"If the establishment of the Clan were to be accepted, for the time being the problem should be solved..... putting aside marriage, I also agree to the Clan's establishment"

It seems that Aisha-san basically agrees to this proposal, as well.
Since I also don't have any better plans, I basically agree, but..... marriage..... huh.

“Umm..... do the both of you really think it's good to marry me? Honestly I think that there are a lot more people better than me.....”

As I enquired, Oujo-sama replied in a flash.

“Yeah, I have no objections.

Though you don't seem to have confidence in yourself, after seeing your fight with the Orc·King, I think it'd be harder to come across a better man than you, on the contrary”

“.....That's right. Although honestly speaking, up until now I haven't known whether this feeling I have for you is romantic or not, but hearing about marriage, somehow I don't feel repulsed by the idea.”

Though Aisha-san's still the same for now, she doesn't seem to be negative towards marriage.

Hmmmm, I wonder what I should do about I, the man, hesitating the most.....
However, the both of them gave a direct answer regarding the marriage.

If I couldn't give an answer myself, then I'm definitely not a man.

Whether I will talk about my Skills or not, it'll be fine to build up trust while living together.

The both of them also said that they won't ask about my Skills, so let's depend on them for now.

“.....I understand, let's..... get married. Please take care of me”
Like this, my marriage..... was abruptly decided.

CHAPTER 33

COMMENCEMENT OF ESTABLISHING A CLAN

“Now then, with this, you and I are officially engaged.
I don’t want you to call me things like “Oujo-sama” from now on, but by my name.
.....Let me see, I’d be happy if you’d call me Sylphy”

Hmmmmmm, the hurdle’s suddenly so high.....
Calling Oujo-sama who’s older than me and a beauty with a pet name.....

Though, she’ll become my wife from now on. I don’t want to call her “Oujo-sama”, and she definitely doesn’t want to be called that either.

It’s extremely embarrassing, but I’ll try my best.

“.....Sy, Sylphy.....”

As I softly called her pet name with a trembling voice, Oujo-sama, no, Sylphy smiled sweetly.

“Fufu, not bad. Although it’s only the way you’re calling my name, I feel that our distance has closed considerably, you know.”

That’s certainly true, I feel that we’re much closer than before.

“P, please call me Aisha without honorifics!”

Are you serious!? To drop the honorifics!? The hurdle’s even higher than Sylphy’s you know!

“.....Can I..... not drop the honorifics?”

Let’s try asking.

“.....It’s okay for Hime-sama but not for me?”

This is bad, Aisha-san's crying. Isn't this foul play!!!

".....Aisha....."

Just like during Sylphy's, I called out in a soft voice.

As I did that, Aisha-san..... no..... Aisha and Sylphy both looked happy and smiled.

Sylphy, who was looking at the situation, suddenly burst into a loud laughter.

"Ahahahaha, Myne..... no, I wonder if it's okay to call you Danna-sama? Danna-sama sounds like we're dominating him, huh"

Danna-sama..... This is bad, this will be embarrassing.

I'll be troubled if someone as beautiful as Sylphy addresses me like that.

Also, about the dominating part. That's right, isn't it.

I only just came of age, you know!? They are both older than me so I can't possibly act strong!

"Until I'm used to it, it'll be Myne-kun..... As expected it's embarrassing"

Aisha, who was embarrassed, was too cute; I couldn't take my eyes off her you know.

Before the talk about marriage, I regarded her as a beautiful onee-san, but now that she's my partner.....

When I became aware that she will become my wife, the way I viewed her changed this much.

Sylphy, as well. At first, when Knight-sama came to meet me specifically, she seemed like a scary person. But now, I can only see her as a gentle, beautiful person.

I wonder if this is praising a loved one.

It's difficult for me, who has zero experience in romance, to understand,, but I think that's definitely how it is.

'They're both family', thinking that warmed my heart.

I was also greatly relieved and could relax.

The rock-bottom mood I had when Sylphy asked me about my life from now on

seemed like a lie.

I'm grateful to the both of them from the bottom of my heart.



“Now then, Danna-sama. As I have said, I will temporarily return to the capital. And I need some help.....”

I wonder what Sylphy needs? from me.

If it's not too great a request, I'll listen to it by all means.

“Help?”

“Yeah, won't you sell the Orc·King's corpse to the royal family? If possible the Orc·Generals, as well”

Fumu. On the contrary, this might be something I'll be grateful for.

There would definitely be an uproar if I brought something like the Orc·King and Orc·Generals to the butcher and alchemist.

On the other hand, the corpses would rot if I left them alone.

It's not an amount I can eat.

Since that's the case, the only choice I'd have in the end is to throw them away.

However, if the royal family buys them, they'd buy them at their proper price.

Since Sylphy just said that she would report the matter of me defeating an Orc·King to Ou-sama, there “probably” won't be an uproar if he were to see the corpse.

It's just that, since I have a feeling that I can use the magic stone for something, I want to take it.

“Yes, I don't mind.It's just that, I would like for you to leave only the magic stone.....”

“D·a·n·n·a·s·a·m·a..... Your tone!”

.....Sylphy is scary.

“.....Un, I don't mind. Just leave me with the magic stone” *(TLN: He changed to casual from polite and isn't speaking hesitantly)*

Un, I said it upfront.

“Of course, that's not a problem. Since we're the ones asking for a favour”

As such, the Orc·King and Orc·Generals will be sold to the royal family.

Since I think it'd be better to not dismantle them myself, I only removed the magic stones before I transferred the corpses into the storage bag that Sylphy took out.

“They're in my care now. Well then, I think I'll head for the capital.

I'll return in about 10 days, but..... when I come back, we'll conclude the matters regarding the future.

Aisha, I'll leave Danna-sama's matters to you”

“Yes, Hime-sama. Please leave it to me”

In this way, the mastermind behind the great change to the fates of Aisha and myself returned directly to the capital.



“Now then, I'll return to the Guild. I'll talk about my retirement and my marriage with Myne-kun to the guild leader.

.....Also, I'm staying in the guild's dormitory, but I'll naturally need to leave if I resign, so.....”

Ah, that's right.

She's quitting the guild, so she can't say something like 'please let me live in the dormitory', huh.

If that's the case, then naturally, I must let her live with me.

Uwa, this is nerve-wracking.....

“Hmm, I see. Of course please come to my house. While Aisha-san's explaining that to

the guild, I will clean up an empty room”

“.....Honorifics.....”

“I, I’ll work hard on that.....”

Continuing from Sylphy, she made a retort to the honorifics.
This is going to be hard until I get used to it.....



“I’m back”

While knocking on the office door, I called out to the guild leader inside the room.
Confirming that I was given permission to enter, I entered the room.

“Oh, you’re back, huh..... good work”

The guild leader greeted me with a complicated expression as if he’d just crushed a bitter bug.

I reported about going to the orc settlement with Hime-sama, and naturally I also reported about the Orc·King’s subjugation.

The pale expression the guild leader had when I told him about the Orc·King in the settlement was really a sight to behold.

Then, the expression he showed when he heard that the Orc·King had already been defeated by Myne-kun was even more of a must-see.

“And? Did you manage to hear what Myne-kun’s Skills are from Hime-san?”

It seems that the guild leader has guessed Hime-sama’s intentions for coming to meet Myne-kun.

Well, since we knew that Myne-kun’s Skills were special from the matter a few days ago, that was expected as well.

A princess investigating a person thought to possess such special Skills. Since it’s like that, if you think about it a little, there’s no way you won’t be able to guess her

intentions.

That's probably why the guild leader asked me such a question.

"No, I did not"

As I said that, the guild leader became visibly dejected.

Regarding how he dealt with Myne-kun this time, he has been considerably worried about it. He's probably thinking that if he could find out about Myne-kun's Skills, even if it's through Hime-sama, then Myne-kun could return to the guild.

I think he probably wants to use such a pretext to somehow get the promising adventurer to return to the branch he was in charge of.

Since that's the case, he's still interested in Myne-kun's Skills even now.

I think it's ironic that the original reason he eagerly wanted to know Myne-kun's Skills has changed completely.

However, I can't help but think that it would have been fine if the guild leader could have given up from the start.

".....I see. By the way, about Hime-sama's objective, as expected it's related to partner searching, right?"

"Yes, that's correct.Actually, there's something important I have to tell you about that matter"

I reported about Hime-sama and me marrying Myne-kun. In addition, I also reported about the three of us forming a party, as well as the matter of us putting in an application with the country to form a Clan.

".....Seriously?"

Hearing up until there, the guild leader muttered hoarsely.

The guild leader's biggest problem is that if the country approves of the Clan application, then the path of Myne-kun returning to the guild will be closed.

Normally, Clan applications would rarely be approved.

However, the applicant is this country's First Princess, a remarkable knight who has the alias "Princess Knight".

This is self-flattery, but while we only have three members, you could say that we are equal to influential people.

“Princess Knight” “Sacred Bow” “Calamity-Class Killer”

This application might just be approved.

I offered my condolences in my mind, and put my hands together.

“.....Hm? Wait..... That clan, does it include you? What are you going to do about the guild?”

Ah, he noticed.

Since it was quite hard to mention it, it's good that he brought it up.

“Yes, as you have guessed, I would like to quit. Fortunately, since I was Myne-kun's exclusive receptionist, I don't need to hand over any duties”

“.....Seriously?”

CHAPTER 34

CASE : AISHA (1)

When the guild leader heard that I was resigning, he incessantly tried to persuade me not to.

It's been a long time since I last saw him so desperate, so it felt quite fresh.

But well, I understand his feelings.

Being a guild receptionist is indeed a popular job.

If it's to replace a lost member, one day will be enough.

Of course, the experimental part will take some time, and they will need training.....

Even to me, who is of the same sex, the guild receptionists are all beauties.

I'm not trying to brag, but I'm proud that my appearance can be seen like that.

This isn't the guild leader's tastes or anything like that.

Its aim is to increase the motivation of the adventurers and to reduce withdrawal rates.

If the beautiful receptionists could properly carry out more of their work, then naturally the adventurers will favour and stick to them..

If that happens, the number of adventurers quitting the guild will be drastically reduced, and they'll produce splendid results in order to impress the receptionists.

I was also that way when I was working in the guild, and because of that, quite a lot of adventurers favoured me.

I don't want to think about them too much, but Lyle and Hyold who caused problems before this were also among those who did.

It's impossible for the guild to simply say "Oh, I see" and let a receptionist who is tied to so many adventurers resign.

Even if I am an exclusive receptionist, I am enrolled in the guild, and when the exclusive adventurer isn't here I receive the other adventurers normally.

However, if I were to quit, that would all end.

If I were to quit, numerous adventurers' motivation and their actions from now on will probably be affected.

I feel sorry for them, but I also have my own life to live.

No matter what, it's important to follow through on the things that I've decided on. For that reason, I won't hesitate.

.....Thus, I have a trump card. A trump card that will render the guild leader speechless and agree.

"Aisha, reconsider it. A lot of them adore you. Think about those guys!!"

"I am happy that they adore me, but either way, I'm going to be married, you know? According to previous cases, there's a sharp decline in a receptionist's popularity after they marry, am I right?"

.....Also, for the sake of starting a Clan, Hime-sama has already left for the capital. If I were to remain in the guild, inevitably, I wouldn't be able to become a member of that Clan. Because of that, it would probably be difficult for Hime-sama to obtain recognition for it.

You understand what I mean, right? How will guild leader explain that to Hime-sama? Since I can't betray Hime-sama, guild leader, please persuade Hime-sama, a member of "royalty"

My trump card is Hime-sama.

Knowing the actions of royalty and deliberately obstructing them. Although it depends on the details of the situation, the matter this time around probably wouldn't warrant a punishment.

However, her experience will certainly worsen.

There's no doubt that the pressure from Hime-sama towards the guild is something which will considerably worsen.

When I was still an adventurer, requests came quite frequently, as if a request from royalty had been received.

Requests which have quite the large reward, at that.

If Hime-sama's experience becomes bad, such requests will be greatly impacted.

Also, regarding my retirement from the guild, there's nothing about that written in the guild's work regulations.

Naturally, the guild leader cannot obstruct my retirement with his power.

Well, the guild leader's impression of me will worsen with this case.....

"Mu, mumumu....."

When Hime-sama's name came out, as expected, the guild leader couldn't pursue anything beyond that and kept silent with a sullen face.

"I am sorry, but this is something I've decided on"

I clearly declared it once more when guild leader's persuasion stopped.

It ended there, with the guild leader crestfallen and dropping his shoulders.



"Aisha-senpai! Is it true that you're quitting the guild!!!?"

As soon as I showed myself on the floor, my kouhai, the receptionist Mil, said this in a loud voice. *(TLN: Floor as in working floor)*

Though it wasn't peak hours, there were still quite a few adventurers in the lobby at this time.

If you shout in here, naturally the contents will reach the ears of the numerous adventurers here.

".....Sigh"

The person who shouted realised that right after she had done so. The lobby's noise fell silent, and all the attention was on us. With that, it seems she finally understood what she was guilty of.

I noticed that her expression became visibly pale.

It's too late to cover our mouths.

This is exactly a case of ‘no use crying over spilt milk’.

It can't be helped that things have progressed like this..... this place probably won't be at peace if I don't give an answer.

“.....Umm, it's been decided that tomorrow, I'll be making preparations to retire. Incidentally, it's a resignation on marriage”

“.....”“W, What did you say———!”“.....”

“Really, why are you all so restless! Haven't I always said to act after observing your surroundings!!”

After that, the guild was in bigger chaos than I expected.

It wasn't just the adventurers within the hall, but also those who weren't there rapidly gathered through word of mouth.

It wasn't simply because of my resignation, but the uproar seemed to have become greater due to me blurting out that I'm getting married.

Because of that, it wasn't just Mil that was responsible, but so was I, but naturally, I won't say such a thing to these kids.

If I were to say it, I would do it again without regrets.

The guild leader, who was holding his hand to his stomach as he crouched due to it being more chaotic than he expected, spurred the chaos even more.

.....In the end, the uproar lasted for three hours.

There will probably be another uproar tomorrow, as well.

Since there's no doubt that this matter will spread tonight.

My receptionist duties haven't ended, and there was only the handing over of my duties. It'll probably take a few more hours before I exit the guild.

I'm really sorry to my colleagues, but it cannot be helped.

At the very least, I decided to present them with some sweets, and left the guild.

Ah, in the end, even when I was leaving, the guild leader was sitting on a chair as if he

had grown senile.

My condolences.

I finished my duties at the guild, and when I returned to the dormitory, I greeted the management oba-san.

She was shocked when we talked about my marriage and resignation from the guild, but in the end, she told me to work hard and handed over memos with cooking recipes that she had written down.

It was sudden,the marriage was decided really suddenly, but since I've already decided, I'll work hard to become a good wife.

I'll continue supporting Myne-kun's heart, and as the first step, I will use these recipes.

Thanking the management oba-san, I returned to my own room.

Putting my room's luggage into my storage bag, I moved out.



"I'm back, Myne-kun!"

In the first place, since there wasn't that much luggage, Aisha-san's residence change was finished quite quickly.

However, as expected, the time was approaching late night.

Today, I only prepared for sleeping, and I'll tidy up tomorrow.

Since it's still before marriage, naturally the beds are separate.

I feel like I heard "loser" from somewhere, but this has already been decided.

This way, this chaotic day came to an end.

Good night.

CHAPTER 35

BLESSED BREAKFAST

“.....Morning, huh”

Although we were in different rooms, I'd never slept with a member of the opposite sex under the same roof until now.

Thanks to that, honestly, I was nervous and wasn't able to sleep well.

Though it's not like I tried to do anything.

Getting out of bed with half-opened eyes, I waddled to the well and properly washed my face.

Thanks to the cold well water, the drowsiness was completely washed away and I was somehow able to wake up.

“.....Yosh! Let's make breakfast. I wonder if Aisha-san is picky about food”

While muttering a soliloquy to motivate myself, I went to the kitchen, where Aisha-san had already started making breakfast.

“Ah, Myne-kun! Good morning! Is it okay for me to use the kitchen?”

Huh? How would she make breakfast if she doesn't know where the ingredients are?

While I thought that for a moment, I looked around the kitchen and as I did that, I noticed some furniture and utensils that I'd never seen before.

“Ah, they were probably brought over from the dormitory,” I guessed, and then I was able to figure out where the ingredients were from.

“Good morning! I'm sorry, I thought of making it myself, but..... Aisha-san”Ahem!”...Aisha, you get up early, don't you?”

As I said that, after she first pointed out the way I called her name with a cough, she replied while sticking her tongue out with a smile.

“No, I always wake up a little later.....”

I see, like me, she was probably nervous and couldn't sleep.

Well, though we are engaged, she was sleeping with a man under the same roof, after all.

As a girl, she was probably more nervous than I was since there was a chance I was hiding somewhere.

Although I am her fiancé, it's only been four days since we met.

From now on, we'll have to put in effort to understand each other, and try to make it so that we can live together naturally.

After all, we'll become family.

Having said that, I decided to help her make breakfast.

“I'll help you”

What Aisha-san was trying to make was brown bread, sunny-side up fried eggs, and taro soup.

She seemed to have chosen a light menu since it was morning.

Thanks to us peacefully dividing our work, the breakfast was completed in the blink of an eye.

It's a secret that I felt unusually embarrassed because we somehow seemed like a pair of newlyweds from stories.

Since Aisha-san's face was also red when I looked closer, she might have been embarrassed as well.

““Thank you for the food!””

We ate the breakfast we'd made together while enjoying a conversation.

Contrary to the usual quiet breakfast where I only filled up my stomach, I felt really blessed..... Time flowed with warmth in my heart.

I had forgotten..... this feeling which I haven't felt since Otou-san and Okaa-san passed away.

Ah, that's right.

Although I'd completely forgotten about it, it would probably be better to ask about it now.

"By the way, Aisha..... could you explain to me about Clans in more detail?"

"Clans? Alright. What would you like to ask?"

"Since the Adventurers' Guild exists, why do Clans also exist?"

Perhaps making breakfast together was a good thing. It feels like our speech has become closer.

In Sylphy's words, it'd probably be "The distance between us has shortened."

While thinking such things, I listened to Aisha's explanation.

".....Hmm, the biggest difference would probably be the clients"

The guild is centered around requests from commoners, so it receives basically all of their jobs. On the other hand, it seems that Clans are centered around requests from nobles and royalty.

Of course, there are exceptions, but that's basically the gist of it.

Also, like the guild, Clans won't take on just any request.

Since they are organisations with different purposes, only requests which comply with the Clan's management will be accepted.

At the moment, there are several Clans in the Kingdom of Augusta, but there seems to be only three major ones.

First, is the "Clan: Alchemist·Library" which was founded by the Second Prince·Lewis.

As the name suggests, famous people who want to further their alchemy gather there, and even the Second Prince himself is an alchemist with considerable ability.

Next is "Clan: Soaring Sandstorm", which was founded by a former A-rank adventurer, Cass.

This Clan consists of nothing but former high ranked adventurers, and it's a group that specialises in combat.

They seem to follow a belief where they'll only use weapons in combat, and apart from those who have recovery type Skills, no one else is a magic user.
They undertake escort and subjugation requests.

And the last one is the fairly eccentric "Clan: Tamers · Ring".

As its name suggests, it's a guild centered around tamers, with collecting precious magic beasts as its purpose.

The members of the Clan primarily receive requests along the lines of collecting raw materials, and it seems there's a former B-rank adventurer named Tales there as well.

There are a few other Clans as well, but they can't compare to the scale of these three.

Since there are many nobles and royalty who bring in requests to the Clans, most of them have a fundamental duty of confidentiality.

As for Sylphy's return to the capital and submission of the Clan application to the country, the main purpose of the application is to judge whether the organisation will be able to fulfill this duty of confidentiality or not.

Also, depending on the Clan's direction, a certain number of people would be required.

Well, that's true, isn't it.

Although an organisation's purpose might be subjugation, there's no way they'd be able to complete these requests if they don't have enough war potential.

The reason nobles and royalty don't use the adventurers' guild is because it has many ruffians as members, and they don't think that they'll be able to uphold their confidentiality obligations.

Though, royalty and nobles seem to periodically send requests to some famous adventurers and give out large rewards.

Aisha has also received requests from royalty a few times as an adventurer.
It was during those requests that she became acquainted with Sylphy.

".....I see. So what's the direction for our Clan?"

"In our case, we will specialise in battles. The direction is the same as "Soaring Sandstorm""

"I see. That's why Aisha asked Sylphy "They won't accept three people as a clan, right?"

yesterday”

“That’s usually the case, but there’s no doubt that they will believe us, since the founder is Hime-sama.

Even regarding the war potential, there’s two people with aliases. Moreover, there’s also Myne-kun who defeated an Orc·King solo.

If we were to just measure our war potential, then I think we would be higher compared to “Soaring Sandstorm”, you know.

I think Hime-sama also anticipated that, and that’s why she held onto the Orc·King and Orc·Generals’ corpses.....”

I see, so in the end, we’ll decide what to do according to Ou-sama’s response to me. I’ll just have to trust in Sylphy and wait for the results.

If the Clan can be established, the next question will be whether I have the resolution to open up to the both of them about my Skills, huh.

While I asked about Clans and various other things, we finished all of the breakfast we had prepared.

“Well, then. I’ll be going to the guild now, Myne-kun. Please don’t do anything reckless on your own! Goodbye!”

I saw Aisha off as she waved her hand, and then I went towards the kitchen in order to clean up after breakfast.

All while I felt a feeling of bliss as I looked at the tableware for two.

CHAPTER 36

LET'S INVESTIGATE THE SKILLS

Now then, since Aisha has left for the guild, let's finish dismantling the remaining Orcs and go to the butcher and alchemist.

Steadily cutting the corpses to pieces with [Cut], I was able to finish dismantling around 35 orcs and High·Orcs in about an hour.

Both the butcher oji-san and the alchemist shop's onii-san were flustered over the large amount of material, and it was already afternoon by the time all the transactions were done.

Because the butcher oji-san had overstocked them, he told me that he wouldn't be able to buy anymore Orcs for the time being.

Although the alchemist shop's onii-san said that he could buy them no matter how many I brought, since it would be wasteful to leave the meat alone, I decided to show some restraint for a while.

Well, either way, since I've crushed the settlement, I don't think I'll be able to hunt orcs for the time being.

I returned home, but I've run out of things to do.

Because of that, I thought that I should check the numerous Skills I've obtained and investigate how to use them.

These are the Skills I possess right now whose abilities I don't quite understand.

- King's Intimidation
- Finger Bullet Lv3 (*TLN: Previously Blame*)
- Strength Rise
- Physics Rise
- Defence Rise
- Unbeatable
- Mitigate
- Absolute Evasion

- Sorcery Extremity LV2
- Vitality Absorption · Large
- Unique Magic · Space-time (*TLN: Previously characteristic magic*)
- Probability
- Tame
- Martial Arts : Successive Shot
- Martial Arts : Consecutive Attacks
- Martial Arts : Sharpness · Sword

Let's try appraising them one by one.

[King's Intimidation] : Activation at one's desired timing on opponent(s).

Those targeted will enter a state of panic and be immobilised.

The larger the level gap between the user and their target(s), the stronger the effects will be and the longer they'll last.

If I remember correctly, this was one of the Orc · King's Skill.....

This seems amazingly brutal, you know.

If the Orc · King had used this before I could steal it, it would have been extremely bad.

However, if I were to use it, it seems like it would be really useful.

Especially given the fact that since I am level 61 now, it will probably be effective against most opponents.

[Finger Bullet] : Air is hyper-compressed into a sphere, which can then be fired at the target by flicking the user's thumb.

The power will vary based on the time spent compressing the air.

This was from that Lyle guy.

This is an unexpectedly amazing Skill, isn't it?

Firing compressed air means that a colourless sphere is fired, right?

This might be good since, just like wind magic, my opponents may not be able to see it. There's no need for exaggerated movements to use it, either.

Let's try to verify its usefulness in an actual fight later.

[Strength Rise] : Active Skill, effective for approximately three minutes. The user's physical attack will be increased by 1.5 times while this skill is active. (*TLN: Active skill = voluntarily activated*)

I somehow used this in the battle with the Orc · King, but it's a surprisingly strong Skill, huh.

Since its effective duration is limited, it should be good to use it with Martial Arts.

[Physics Rise] : Active Skill, effective for approximately three minutes. The user's physical defence will be increased by 1.5 times while this skill is active.

I also used this in the battle against the Orc · King. It's the defensive version of War Cry, huh.

Since this Skill's effective duration is also limited, I will need to think about how I'll use it.

[Defence Rise] : Active Skill, effective for approximately ten minutes. The user's physical defence and magic defence will be increased by 2 times while this skill is active.

Uwa, this is amazing..... I wonder if this Skill is the higher ranked version of Physics Rise?

Since the effective duration is considerably long, and it also raises magic defence, it's a very useful Skill.

[Unbeatable] : Active Skill, effective for approximately 30 seconds. While it is active, all physical attacks will have no effect.

The cooldown time is three hours.

This is also really amazing..... If I can time its activation well, I won't receive any damage even if I receive a fatal blow.

If I remember correctly, it was from one of the Orc · Generals that came later.

It was the right choice to use magic, huh. Although it's a little late now, thinking about it is horrifying.

[Mitigate] : Active Skill, effective for approximately three minutes. Physical damage received by the user will be cut by 1/5 while this skill is active.

Somehow, there seems to be a lot of defensive Skills, huh.

This is also a fairly effective way to defend. If it's used together with other Skills, it might bring out an effect similar to Unbeatable.

[Absolute Evasion] : Active Skill, effective for approximately thirty seconds. While it is active, all physical attacks will be evaded.

The cooldown time is three hours.

Once again, it's another defensive Skill.

This one is really similar to Unbeatable, huh. The only difference is between disabling and evading physical attacks.

If I used this right after Unbeatable, physical attacks would be invalidated for one minute, wouldn't they?

[Sorcery Extremity] : Automatically activates when magic is used. Increases the strength of magic fivefold.

.....Eh? Wait a minute? Isn't this, like, amazing?

All the magic I use will have its strength increased fivefold, won't it?

Without understanding its significance, I used this and thought that I had crushed the Orc·Generals because of my self enhancements.....

No wonder they died from my magic alone..... Now I understand.

However, the fact that the Orc·King was fine even after receiving those successive magic attacks means he really was outrageous, huh.....

[Vitality Absorption·Large] : Active Skill. Will steal a great deal of vitality from the target group and use it to restore the user's own vitality.

Since the other Skills are too strong, this isn't as eye-catching. However, it seems like it would be convenient depending on when I use it.

[Unique Magic·Space-time] : Active Skill. Magic which manipulates space and time.

Hm? I don't quite understand this.This was the Orc·King's magic, huh.

I've never heard of this magic.

Manipulating space and time..... Space!? Ah, is this perhaps.....!!

After the Orc·King became visible at a distance, it appeared in front of me in an instant. Was that because of this!?

I can't believe it..... that such a magic exists.....

If I could instantly avoid attacks, and make surprise attacks like what that guy did.....

This, this is really sick.

Although I thought this before, the Orc · King was a really dangerous guy.....

[King's Intimidation] [Unique Magic · Space-time] [Realize]

All of these Skills are way too extraordinary.

Since I could steal Skills, if it had just been a match, I think I would've been defeated in the blink of an eye once it used these Skills.

Calamity Class is a really fitting title.....

For now, it'll be worth it to test this magic out.

Let's experiment with it later.

[Probability] : Continuous activation. Whenever a monster is defeated, there's a higher chance that items will drop.

Although this is useless in combat, it's a Skill I'm grateful for.

If I had had this when I was previously collecting Slime Oil, I probably would have obtained way more of them.

[Tame] : Active Skill. After using it on a target monster, there's a fixed chance of capturing the monster, after which it can be enslaved.

The number of monsters that can be enslaved will increase as Tame's level rises.

In addition, the probability of capturing monsters will increase as Tame's level rises.

This was from the Goblin · Tamer.

Come to think of it, in Aisha's explanation, there was a Clan whose objective is to Tame. I wonder what kind of magic beasts they tame. Since she said that they gather precious magic beasts, there should be amazing ones.

Since I too have this Skill, I can Tame something soon.

[Martial Arts : Successive Shot] : Archery Martial Art. After the first arrow is fired, arrows composed of mental strength will be fired consecutively. The arrows' attack strength will be based on the first arrow, and the number of arrows which can be fired consecutively depends on the mental strength loaded into the Skill.

This is an archery Martial Art, huh.

I don't have any archery Skills.....

Therefore, I won't have the chance to use this for now.

[Martial Arts : Consecutive Attacks] : Grappling Martial Art. Separate strikes with 1.5 times the usual attack power will be carried out.

This is a grappling Martial Art huh. It seems to be quite strong.
However, I can't fight hand-to-hand if I don't get equipment for guarding my fists.
Let's visit the weapon shop later. My dagger also broke, after all.

[Martial Arts : Sharpness · Sword] : One-handed sword Martial Art. An attack with two times the usual attack power will be carried out.

A one-handed sword Martial Art, huh. I have a one-handed sword Skill, but it's the lowest ranked one.

Because of that, there isn't really a time for it to shine.
Fumu. I've roughly appraised the Skills. There seems to be a quite a few usable ones.
With this, won't I be able to fight more freely?

For now, let's focus on increasing the proficiency level for the Skills I currently have.

Especially the three Skills I took from the Orc · King, since they have unusual abilities.
It seems like they'll become amazing if I raise their proficiency level.

Yosh, Skill check complete!

Let's visit the weapon shop and then research **[Unique Magic · Space-time]**.

CHAPTER 37

WEAPON SHOP OWNER'S BARGAIN

"Good afternoon!"

I gave a cheerful greeting as I entered the weapon shop.
Oji-san immediately noticed me, stopped working and started a conversation.

"Oh, Myne boy! Lively as always, aren't ya!"

He greeted me with a smile.

Since he always treats me warmly, I can consult with him about anything without any problems.

He even prepared a wonderful weapon like the "Steel Dagger +12" for me..... I am very grateful for that.

However, since I ruined such a precious weapon, I'm a little uneasy about whether he'll get angry at me or not.

"And, how can I help you? Is it weapon maintenance?"

Seeing that I hesitated in replying to his question, oji-san probably became suspicious since he asked "What's wrong?".

".....I'm sorry, oji-san. The amazing dagger you sold me last time snapped....."

As I dejectedly answered him, oji-san stared blankly at me for a moment, and then immediately grinned widely and laughed.

"Ah, I see. So that's what you found difficult to say? Don't worry about that.

I sold that to you, boy, so there's no reason for me to get angry at what you do with it, is there?

However, for that to snap....., what the heck did you fight?"

Phew, it seems like he's not angry.

But the opponent, huh..... I wonder if he'll believe me if I say I fought an Orc · King?

Although I'm a little worried about doing so, I'll tell him the truth since I'm indebted to oji-san and don't want to lie to him.

".....An..... An Orc · King"

".....That's weird. Have my ears gone funny? Boy, say it again"

"It was..... an Orc · King"

This time, oji-san did not ask me to repeat it, but was silent.

He seemed to be thinking about something for a moment, but then he asked me a question after letting out a sigh.

"I don't think you're lying, but..... as expected, that sounds too crazy.

Do you have some kind of proof? If what you said is true, I'll bring out a weapon that'll meet your needs"

Proof, huh....., I only have its magic stone, but I wonder if he'll understand with just that?

I'll just show him the magic stone for now.

I placed the Orc · King's magic stone, which I took out from my storage bag, onto the counter.

"I only have this, though....."

Oji-san stared at the magic stone with his eyes in perfect circles.

".....W, what a big magic stone..... I can't judge if it's from an Orc · King, but a magic beast with such a huge magic stone should be on the Calamity-class level.....

Sorry about that, boy"

While I looked at oji-san, who let out a deep sigh, I placed the magic stone back into my storage bag.

Oji-san then pondered for a moment before going to the back of the store.

.....I wonder if I should have done that.

After waiting for around five minutes, oji-san came out with a small box.

“This is the dagger with the best performance in this store”

As he said that, oji-san took out a dagger from the box and placed it in front of me.

Name : Lightning Edge Attack : +50 Grade : Ultra Attribute: Lightning Effective Against: Demon race Special Effects: Critical
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Woah, it has a magical attribute!?

It looks amazing, but won't this be really expensive??

“This dagger is a drop from a dungeon guardian, and it's said to have a magical attribute”

“Said to have?”

“When the guy who got this dagger in a dungeon used it, it was clad in lightning.....
However, since that guy died, the dagger has never been clad in lightning no matter who used it.

Because of that, there's now no one who believes in its worth as a magic dagger”

That's weird. Since my appraisal says that it has the lightning attribute, there's no doubt that this is a magic dagger, but.....

“.....The truth is, the person who brought this back with him from the dungeon was a customer of mine.

That's why I've seen it clad in lightning before.

There's no doubt that this is a magic dagger, but I think that there's some kind of condition that needs to be met before it can be used as a magic dagger.

However, it's just a dagger with slightly good performance in its current state.

How about it? Won't you try using it?”

Un, there's no problem with it.

According to the appraisal results, it's a magic dagger.

However, I'm curious about the activation condition that oji-san mentioned.....

"Oji-san, I'm interested in this dagger, but how much is it?"

"Let me see, considering the fact that it's a magic dagger, I want to sell it for 5 platinum coins, but.....

As I just said, its effects as a magic dagger are currently unclear. How about 80 gold coins?"

That cheap!? Is it okay for a magic dagger to have such a price!?

"Oji-san, is such a price okay? I've said this before, but won't you be on the losing side?"

"Uhahahahahahaha, I, too, have said this before. A kid like you shouldn't be worrying for an adult.

I'll work hard so that I won't lose money, so don't you worry.

Well, are you buying it? Or are you not?"

"I'll buy it! Also, do you have anything for grappling like a knuckle guard or something like that?"

"Hm? Boy, you can grapple too?"

As he said that, he walked to the back of the store again.

I waited once more, and oji-san came back in three minutes with a weapon for grappling called a cestus.

"This can stand in for a knuckle guard, though it doesn't have great performance since it's a mass-produced product"

Name: Iron Cestus +6

Attack: +6

Grade: Intermediate

Effective Against: None

Special Effects: None

Un, although its performance certainly isn't that high, it will suffice for now.

"Oji-san, I'm buying this! How much is it?"

"The total for both items is 80 gold coins and 10 silver coins"

Although I feel sorry for taking advantage of his goodwill..... I gratefully paid him and returned home.

Thank you, oji-san!



After Myne returned home, the weapon shop closed for the day, even though it wasn't dark yet.

The owner spoke to himself while drinking sake inside the shop.

".....Hey, Dyne, your son's become a splendid man.

I don't know if it's true, but..... he defeated an Orc·King, you know. Can you believe that?

He defeated a Calamity Class monster. Perhaps, like you, he was blessed with quite a good Skill.

That dagger you handed me just before you guys died because you wanted to leave him with some money.....

I sold it to your son, Myne, today..... Of course, I sold it to him for a special price, so don't worry.

Your son will succeed your intentions. I couldn't be happier, you know"

The owner muttered to himself as tears spilled from his eyes.

CHAPTER 38

IMPLEMENTATION AND VERIFICATION OF SPACE-TIME MAGIC

It's a good thing I obtained a good weapon.

Although it's a magic dagger, since I still have no idea what the key to activating it is, it probably won't add too much to my battle power.

In the meantime, I'll mainly use grappling and the Dagger of Origin.

I'd be in a bind if I were to do something excessive and break it again.

Well, if push comes to shove, I can always use [Realize] to make Twirling.

Aisha and Sylphy have already seen it, after all.

That's one thing I can fall back on.

"I'm back"

Although I know that no one's home, since it has already become a habit of mine, I said it properly.

That's because I think that this is important.

[Good morning] [Good afternoon] [Farewell] [I'm back] [Good night]

These have been firmly drilled into me by Otou-san and Okaa-san.

The first step to building a relationship with someone is greeting them, after all.

I've received help from various types of people, including with the magic dagger this time around.

That's why greeting people is important!

After I drank some well water and took a little break, I headed towards the dismantling shed, where my actions wouldn't be discovered.

My reason for going in there is to implement and research the magic I obtained from the Orc King, [Unique Magic · Space-time].

Up until now, I've never heard of space-time magic, though that may just be me.

Magic is fundamentally made up of six attributes: Fire, Water, Wind, Earth, Light and Darkness.

Adding the two rarer attributes, Lightning and Ice, to the six would make them The Eight Attributes.

However, right now, there's a magic not included in The Eight Attributes in front of me.

There's no doubt that it can be used to teleport just like how the Orc King used it. However, I have a feeling there are other ways to use it, as well.

That's why I've decided to test it out.

I think I'll first try to teleport in the same way the Orc King did.

While imagining the deepest part of the dismantling shed, I tried using [Unique Magic · Space-time].

As I did that, a black vortex suddenly appeared in front of me.

This..... Do I enter this thing?

As expected, since I don't know what will happen to me if I enter, I'm a little scared.

Un, let's try throwing in the broken steel dagger's hilt as a test first.

[Poi](TLN: SFX)

As I did that, in the back of the room that I imagined myself teleporting to, the dagger's hilt I threw appeared and made a 'Karan' sound as it dropped to the ground.

"Amazing..... This, this is really amazing"

Does this mean that I can teleport to a place in my range of sight if I enter this black vortex?

However, the Orc King suddenly appeared from outside the range of my [Presence Detection · Moderate].

What's with that? What are the rules for the movement range.....?

As I was racking my brains about the conditions, the black vortex faded away and disappeared.

I see, there is most likely a time limit, and if that limit is exceeded, it'll disappear.
.....Oops, I need to think about the movement rules.

I can't think of any ideas, so I'll have to test it out via trial and error.

Let's just do that for now.....

This time I imagined the pathway beyond the door and used [Unique Magic·Space-time].

Just like before, a black vortex appeared in front of me.

This time, instead of having the hilt that I had previously thrown enter the vortex, I slowly put my hand in it.

I then pulled my whole arm out after it had entered the vortex, and checked for abnormalities.

Un, there doesn't seem to be any particular problems.

Now then..... I plunged my whole body into the black vortex in one go.

As I did that, I was able to move to the pathway I imagined in my head without opening the door.

This, does this mean that I can travel to any place if I can imagine it?

I have to experiment with it more, huh.

Next, let's try to move to the kitchen in my house from this dismantling shed.

Similar to before, I imagined the kitchen in my house, and as I used [Unique Magic·Space-time], a third black vortex appeared in front of me.

As I came out from the black vortex..... I was in the kitchen.

As I suspected, this magic enables me to travel to any place I can imagine.

The Orc King probably moved to the place we were at from outside the range of my

Presence Detection.

Furthermore, using his sight, he moved in front of me and repeatedly attacked me..... that's probably it.

After that, I was able to understand a few things as a result of repeating this a few times in order to verify things.

- It is possible to travel to any place I can imagine, and the travel distance is probably limitless (I was able to move to the open space with Slimes).

- I cannot go to places that I cannot imagine. In other words, places I've never been to.

- The black vortex will disappear after approximately one minute, but it is possible to manually erase it as well.

It's an effective way to travel, and I can definitely use it to take the initiative when fighting.

In the worst case scenario where I come across another Calamity-Class monster like the Orc King, I'll probably be able to fight with a considerable advantage.

To give an example, I could make Twirling using [Realize], and then use as many strengthening Skills as I can.

After that, I'll teleport right behind my opponent and use [Martial Arts: Shark Glow]. By doing this, I might be able to defeat the enemy in one hit if they're careless.

Well, life isn't that sweet though.....

Anyway, I've managed to obtain a general understanding of this method of using the magic.

Next, let's try to think of other ways to use it.

.....Though I say that, this is still an unknown magic, so I don't have even the slightest idea as to what it's capable of.

That's why I think I should appraise it again.

[Unique Magic · Space-time] : Active Skill. Magic which manipulates space and time.

Uun, I think the 'space' part is the "Spatial Transfer" I just verified, but....., I wonder what the 'time' part is about.

Is it something like stopping the time of a targeted object?

No, if that was the case, there's no way that the Orc King wouldn't have been able to use it.

Space and time..... I wonder.

Uun, I can't think of anything even if I ponder on it.

.....It can't be helped that I'm worrying over it at a time like this.

I should switch my mood by doing something else.

Thinking that, I moved to the kitchen and drank some well water.

Then, I lay down and thought dazedly to myself, "Isn't there something I can do?"

"Ah, that reminds me, there's still the medicinal plants that I previously took....."

I recalled the time when I left some of the medicinal plants behind and took only what I needed with me when I went to get slime oil.

Yosh, let's compound some potions.

Thinking that, I took out all the medicinal plants from the storage bag Otou-san left me with.

"Ah, quite a few of them wilted since two days have passed, huh....."

Hm?

Eh? Eeeh?

I seem to have thought of something..... Space..... space..... and time?

Wait, by any chance, isn't this storage bag exactly the "space" part!?

If I were to add time to this.....

I might have thought of something amazing.

Thinking that, I brought a leather bag containing wheat flour from the kitchen.

Since there cannot be anything inside the wheat bag, I laid out a piece of cloth and transferred the wheat flour onto it.

Yosh, time to experiment!

I activated [Unique Magic · Space-time] on the bag.

I concentrated all my attention on the mental images of making a large space inside the bag and of making time stop.

Since feedback was returned when the magic was activated, I tried putting a large barrel filled with tsukemono (Japanese pickled vegetables) into the bag.

As I did that.....

.....It went in.

I managed to make a storage bag.....

This time I took out the barrel, and retrieved a teacup that was filled with hot water. I then stored it, and heart-throbbingly waited for an hour.

As I took out the teacup from the bag..... It was hot.

Somehow, I've made an outrageous thing.

CHAPTER 39

CASE : AISHA (2)

(Aisha's POV)

After I was sent off with "Take care", I once again felt the feeling being married with Myne-kun.

If you think about it, he never had the chance to use "I'm off" and "I'm back" since his family left him.

Since Myne-kun needed a family, Hime-sama requested that from me, but actually, I might have needed one too.

The breakfast we made together, and the strange nervousness at night.....
Those things, little by little, gathered a happiness I've never felt before.

I cannot deny that I felt like this was all forcibly pushed onto me by Hime-sama, but as far as results are concerned, I think that this decision was a good one.

While I was immersed in such a modest feeling of happiness, I arrived at my workplace, the guild.

If we consider the fact that there was chaos yesterday, there would most probably be a panic if I enter from the front door.

Thinking that, I passed through the backdoor which is reserved for personnel use, and entered the building.

As I did that, I met the girls who were the Stagehands for today. *(TLN: Ch13 if you forgot)*

".....Aisha-senpaaai, are you really quitting today?"

"Never mind that, is it true that you're getting married!? Even though I thought you're definitely not going to marry!!I'm jealous!"

"Aisha-san, thank you very much for everything up until now"

Since it was sudden, I've caused trouble for everyone, huh..... I'm sorry.

“Un, everyone, I’m really sorry, but if I’ve already made up my mind, I’ll have to act on it if I want to progress, right?”

I bowed once and explained to everyone.

Originally, it was a workplace where all the good kids gather. I accurately repeated my explanation and in the saw me off with yells.

I then headed to the office to hand in my official [Resignation Letter] to the guild leader.

“Good morning, this is Aisha. Is the guild leader in?”

As I called out and knocked, I heard a “Come in” from inside the office. It felt like he was in low spirits.

As I said “Excuse me”, and entered, the guild leader sat on his chair, his face sullen and his arms folded.

“Why are you making such a face?”

As I unintentionally asked such a question, he frowned more and replied “Whose fault is it? Whose is it?” with an extremely displeased voice.

Is it my fault? Well, that’s true, but it’s also guild leader’s fault, you know?

If Myne-kun wasn’t erased from the guild, there might have been a different development.

While thinking such things, I placed the “Resignation Letter” on the guild leader’s desk with a smile which hid my thoughts.

While glancing at it, the guild leader scowled even more.

While complaining [If you scowl that much, the wrinkles won’t go away, you know] in my heart, I said “Thank you for taking care of me”.

As I did that, he probably gave up as expected, and he indeed received the resignation letter before putting it inside a drawer.

“.....So, when is the Clan going to start?”

“Let me see, for now, since we’ll have to wait for Hime-sama to return, it’ll probably

take 10 days”

After we vaguely chatted for a while, I left the office and I walked to the reception for my last receptionist duties.

“Right, firstly, I wonder what are the requests for today. I’ll have to check on that”

Requests are affixed on the general requests board, a display board installed in the lobby, and after adventurers check that display board, they will accept the request at the reception desks.

Actually there is also another display board for the receptionists at the back of the counter, in the adventurers’ blind spots.

This display board has every single request on it including those which still cannot be shown to the adventurers such as requests reserved by exclusive receptionists, designated requests and requests which had their open dates decided.

The display board I was going to see was naturally this one.

As I looked down at the requests, I was able to see the happenings of the world to a certain extent.

The slime oil running dry which I suggested to Myne-kun previously, or ××× monster spawned in a large quantity in the vicinity of Town ○○○,From things like this, I was able to predict what can be done beforehand.

For Clans, by its very nature, such a thing is absolutely impossible.

Because the guild exists in every single town in that area, it was able to extensively gather requests.

Because only requests which leans to a small fraction arrive for the Clans, it’s impossible to confirm the state of affairs from requests.

Such being the case, I roughly looked over the display board for personnel use, and as I did that, I was bothered by one request.

Target rank: B-rank and above. The guild has received information that at the Duchy of Ose, which is situated far in the north, demon race such as goblins and orcs have closed in on the duchy in a large flock.

It says that they want to verify the truth of that information.

If the information proves to be true, then damage to the Duchy of Ose and the present condition of the demon race are to be verified.

If possible, the guild wants the adventurer to provide aid to the injured. The request is extremely difficult.

The important Duchy of Ose, nicknamed the Land of Death, is a wasteland which isn't owned by any countries and borders on the Country of Demons

This request's purpose is probably to verify whether the Country of Demons participated in this demon race invasion, which is said to have occurred in the Duchy of Ose, or not.

The Country of Demons is famous as a bellicist country which has monsters such as goblins and orcs as vanguards.

It had been quiet since it changed rulers approximately ten years ago.

However, it had previously started wars with many countries using relatively lower class monsters like goblins and kobolds.

For that reason, the Country of Demons was recognised by many countries as a common enemy which has to be defeated.

If the Country of Demons has commenced invasion towards another country, there is a possibility that the country which was quiet after changing its ruler will once again be attacking many countries.

".....This might also affect us, huh"



After I finished receiving the last adventurer, it was time for me to get off work.

As I had feared, there was some chaos, but since it was continued from yesterday, as expected, it had already settled down by the time I got off work.

"Phew, it's finished, huh"

I tidied up the top of the reception desk, thanked my colleagues who remained for everything up until now and headed for the changing room.

On the way there, my colleagues and kouhais Mil and Mary ran towards me while carrying a bouquet.

““Senpai, thank you for your hard work!”“

I reflexively broke into a smile at the two who spoke cheerfully while probably tired from work, and passed the bouquet to me.

“Thank you, and sorry because it might get busy after this”

As I said that, they both said “Don’t worry! Leave it to us” and saw me off with a good feeling.

Although I was thinking “They’ve become fine girls, haven’t they?”, hearing those words, unconsciously, tears spilled from my eyes.

Like this, my career as a guild staff member ended.

CHAPTER 40

THE FIRST PRINCE'S DAY

“Yosh, next person!”

I am this country's first prince, Alto Augusta.

I am now participating in the first and second knight units' regular joint practice.

“No, you'll have to rush in stronger..... Yes, put in a little more strength!!”

“Yes, Your Highness!”

Although each unit will usually be led by their respective captains, but when such joint practices are held, I would be the one leading them.

That's because I have the Skills [One-handed Blade·Saint] [Physical Strength Enhancement·Large] and [Support Magic·Speed Increase]

In the royal family, there are three princes including me and two princesses, but all of us have some useful Skills.

This is all thanks to the royal family's policy.

As a distinguished scholar once said, children seem to inherit a similar type of Skill from their parents.

It seems that if both the parents have good Skills, the children born from the two will have a higher chance of obtaining a good Skill the same type as the parents.

Because of that, the royal family obtains information from the temple about those who just came of age and obtained Skills.

If someone who obtained a good Skill appears, the royal family will act and welcome that person as the partner of royalty.

Of course, they will perform a background check on that person. They will check on beforehand whether there is a problem with that person's personality and relationships or not.

There's no way they'll let a ridiculous person join the royal family, after all.

However, the royal family naturally doesn't use their power and force a person to join them.

If they did such a thing, the citizens of this country will most probably hold animosity towards the royal family.

Oops, I've gone off topic.

Because of that, I've been bestowed the same Skills as my father the King, who is also called a hero.

Not only did I receive his Skills, I was also bestowed another Skill, [Support Magic·Speed Increase].

Since I was a kid, I was raised with special education personally given by that hero so that I could fight.

When I became 20 years old, there was no one who was on par with me within the country.

.....Ah, the only person I couldn't win against up until now is Father.

I was able to fight well, but as expected there's the difference in experience.

Well, that's why I'm leading the knights like this.

"Listen, you guys. Skills are definitely useful. History has proved that.

But, the most important is to practise daily so that you can make the best use of it.

The way you put in your strength, the way to efficiently move your body, feints..... if you combine these kind of techniques, you'll be able to use Skills more effectively.

Daily training is certainly harsh, but never neglect it.

Don't forget that that effort you put in will without a doubt, save your life."

""""""""Yes!""""""""

Although I say the same thing every time during practice, it is an important matter.

If you lose your head over the Skills' power and rely too much on it, you will quickly lose your life once an unforeseen situation occurs.

They also have their own family.

Putting their lives on the line for the country..... that's good.

But I think there's a meaning to returning home to their family alive after protecting the country.

That's why I say it so many times.

That's why I train them.

So that they can return to their homes alive.

A country is made up of its citizens.

That's why, I, who will succeed my father in governing this country, must protect it.



"Older Brother, thank you for your hard work today"

My younger brother Lewis handed me a towel.

"Ah, thanks"

Lewis did not inherit much from Father, but from Mother, Garnet Augusta.

That is, he did not have much battle Skills, but more technique Skills.

[Alchemy] [Training] [One-handed Sword · Extreme]

Although he was also bestowed [One-handed Sword · Extreme], unfortunately his strength within the family would be faster to count from the bottom.

By the way, Mother's Skills are [Training] [Arithmetic] and [Unique Magic · Ice].

Speaking of Mother, it's impressive that as a child, when I saw her use ice magic and said "Mother's amazing!", she would say "Ehehe, I'm like a mahou shoujo, right?"

Ah, sorry, I've strayed from the topic again.

Making the best of his Skills, Lewis started his own Clan.

He gathered people who set their aims on alchemy from all over the place, and is growing his Clan towards becoming one of the leading Clans, even among this Country.

For a statesman, it's not only military power which is important.

Establishing such an organisation, and since he was requested to manage, it could be said that my younger brother displayed his talent.

Although if you ask him, rather than getting involved in politics, it'd be in his nature to build magic tools.

I think that too, but it seems that my family has a tendency to be reckless.

“By the way, Nii-san, did you know Nee-san went to confirm her partner candidate?”

What!? Sylphy's partner candidate!?

“.....I never heard of that”

“As expected, I see..... No wonder you were quiet”

Muu, my cute little sister's partner candidate, huh! Which high-ranking noble's son is he!?

In any case, they probably forcibly pressed for a marriage meeting because of my little sister's good looks, even though she doesn't have excellent Skills.

And then there's Father, why did he approve such a thing!

“.....Since you look like you're misunderstanding something, just so you know, Nee-sama went on her own accord.

Naturally, Father agreed and sent her out”

“What? Father agreed..... that means that guy has a good Skill?”

“I don't know, though it seems that from the temple's reports he has [Appraisal·Complete] and [Cut & Paste]”

What? Although it's not that I don't understand [Appraisal·Complete] but did he say [Cut & Paste] ?

Is it a Skill which combines [Cut] and [Paste] ?

What's the good in that Skill?

“.....By temple you mean he's a commoner? But if those are his Skills then won't those

guys who came courting her be better?"

"That's true, but you see, it seems he solo-ed an orc"

What? A boy who just came of age crushing an orc solo? That's certainly unusual.
.....I see, that's why she went to confirm it by herself, it's not that I don't understand but.....

"In my opinion, rather than Nee-san, I want Nii-san to get married right away"

".....Why me"

"You yourself know that, don't you. Please don't complicate things, you siscon, and get married immediately.

If it's someone like Sacred bow or Saint, there's no way Father would be so opposed to it, right?"

".....Hmph"

Such rudeness, calling me a siscon.

Where would you find a brother who won't care for his cute little sister.

For now, it'll be alright as long as my little sisters can become happy.

Though it'd be good if Sylphy's partner isn't a boring man.

CHAPTER 41

CASE: SYLPHID (1)

I separated with Danna-sama and hurried to the capital on my favourite horse. There's a mountain of things to do. At any rate, I have to hurry..... Time is passing quickly.

First I'll have to start with persuading Father.

Danna-sama..... Umu, saying that is quite embarrassing.

Since there might be a suitable marriage candidate, I went further to Lucas, but it could be said that I got engaged to a more wonderful person than I had expected.

Even if one of the nobles did not have that good a Skill, he will bring me a marriage proposal with his parentage as a pretext.

I'm thankful that with my coming here, I won't need to listen to such annoying talk.

Although I still do not understand Danna-sama's Skills, our child would definitely be bestowed with a good Skill.

I could fulfill my duty as royalty, and could even obtain a good husband.

If I bring back this wonderful result, there's no doubt that Father will also be satisfied.

However, if I tell him the matter of me marrying Danna-sama, talk about Danna-sama's Skills will naturally be brought up.

Then, I'll have to indirectly bring up the Clan and cleverly dodge the question.

I dare say that it probably go smoothly since I have a trump card, the Orc King, though I am worried in a different sense that Father might propose a fight between him and Danna-sama.

Well..... if it's in that sense, then I'm also extremely worried about Aniué, though.

That's also true for Father, but whenever he sees someone strong he would want to test his ability. I really want him to do something about that bad habit of his.

Properly speaking, it isn't possible for royalty to wage war indiscriminately.

Besides..... it feels like Aninue has become an even worse siscon.....
I don't know what kind of reaction he will show if I say that I'm getting married.
I'll have to find a way around that too, huh.



"Hime-sama, welcome back"

Although I have just reached the castle, Morg, the prime minister, quickly discovered and greeted me.

I wanted to have at least some rest though..... You really can't be too careful around him, huh.

"Ah, I just came back. Where's Father right now?"

Although I wanted to immediately meet Father have have a talk with him, he said that some kind of trouble cropped up and he had to attend a cabinet meeting.

I was also told that Aninue and Otouto are participating in the meeting, so it may be quite important. (*TLN: Aninue=Older brother, Otouto = Little brother*)

Although Otouto is second for the succession of the throne, he had absolutely no interest in the King's seat, and established the major Clan: Alchemist Library and is running it.

There's a high chance his participation in the meeting is as a representative of his Clan, rather than a prince.

".....Fumu, seems like it's something important, huh"

"Yes, I think it would be a good idea for Hime-sama to participate in the meeting"

Morg probably planned for me to participate in the meeting since he saw me. He spoke up without hesitation and followed me to the meeting room.

Well, it's inevitable if something big happened.

I have no problems participating, but I strangely have a feeling that I've been had by this Morg.

While I thought as such, I arrived at the meeting room.

“I, Sylphid, have returned, heard that something has happened and arrived. Am I interrupting?”

As I opened the door and entered, all the attention was on me.

“So it’s Sylphid. You’ve come at the right time. I want to hear your opinion too, sit there.”

Father, Faren Augusta, the king, urged me to sit.

As soon as I sat down, Father gave a summary of what happened; It seems to be quite the troubling case.

I was told that the demon race have started invading the Duchy of Ose located in the north.

As of now, a part of the knight order is heading to Ose to confirm the information’s validity.

A request has also been issued to the adventurer’s guild, and depending on the information they bring back, it might become a fairly troublesome issue.

If they are invading other countries, they will naturally have someone unifying the swarm of demon race and commanding them.

Yes, they will have an individual similar to the recent Orc King.

Calamity Classes like the Orc King is as expected, not common around that place; There are only ordinary ones around the Country of Demons, which can also be called the demon race’s own country.

In other words, in the invasion on other countries, if they have a Calamity Class in the invading force, there’s a chance the Country of Demons is serious.

The Country of Demons’ King, or more commonly called the Demon King, has been substituted about ten years ago, so the Country of Demons has been relatively quiet. But if they were involved in this time’s case in Ose, this might be a pre-encounter to bring a full invasion into action.

Ose Duchy, the place in question, is the geographically nearest place to the Country of Demons, which is conquered by the demon race. Because of that, they were discussing

about the countermeasures.

“I see..... This is indeed a serious matter”

After that, the meeting continued for a few hours. In the end, it was decided that nothing can be settled without information from either the knights or adventurers, so the meeting was ended.

While seeing off the ministers who participated in the meeting returning to their respective departments, I awaited my chance to speak to Father about the incident in Lucas.

“Father, Brother, Lewis..... There’s something private I would like to talk about, would you please spare me some time after this”

Seeing me saying that in a serious expression, Father suggested to move to his office to talk.

“And, Sylphy, what did you want to talk about?”

As Father called my pet name familiarly befitting a family, the mood became a little gentler.

However, what I am going to say is connected to the discussion from earlier, and also to my future.

Let’s do this.

“Please let me get straight to the point.

I have decided on my partner: the boy who defeated an orc in Lucas.”

“.....Oh, a strong person who you’re pleased with, huh. In the end, what’s his Skills?”

It’s here! Perhaps I should say it’s as expected, or as established..... The question is certainly as expected.

“In the end, I still don’t understand his Skills. What I’m about to say is somewhat connected to the previous discussion, but first of all, please look at this”

As I said that, I took out the Orc King’s corpse Danna-sama entrusted me with from my storage bag.

The sound of something falling ‘Zun’ resounded, and the Orc King’s fiendish figure

appeared on the floor.

“W, What!? T, This is.....”

Father’s expression changed to one of amazement in a twinkling of an eye.
Ani and Lewis similarly widen their eyes in perfect circles and were astonished.

That’s understandable, they would never have thought that they will see a Calamity Class’ corpse in the office even in their dreams.

“This, is this an Orc King!!!?”

The first to recover his composure was Father, as expected of him.
The two brothers seem like they would need some time before calming down. Well, I understand their feeling.

“It’s as you said, this is an Orc King’s corpse.
A settlement led by this guy was discovered deep inside the forest behind the Town of Lucas.
The youth in question singlehandedly crushed this in that settlement, and I suggested buying it for the royal family and received it.
Moreover, this guy’s close aides..... in other words, the orc generals, three of them are in this bag.”

“No way!? Defeating an Orc King alone!? That’s impossible!!”

Ani shouted and denied my words.

“It’s certainly an unbelievable story. If it didn’t happen right before my eyes, I wouldn’t believe it either”

“.....I see, if it’s to someone who possesses such power, you agreed to have him as your partner.
However, did you not think that it is all the more necessary that youth’s Skills’ true identity?”

This is the critical moment.

“That is naturally true, but said that he could not talk about his Skills at any cost.

I could also wield the royal family's authority and force him to talk, but I decided that that was stupid.

Please think about it, in any case, if we're unlucky, his strength would be more than the whole country's military, you know?

If we force him to do something he hates, what would we do if he elopes to another country? Furthermore, it's better if he does elope.

What if he becomes our "enemy"? Are we going to fight someone who defeated a Calamity Class? Pardon me from that"

".....I see, there's indeed some truth to that"

".....Also, I myself am pleased with him.

He's calm, and his demeanour is extremely gentle.

As a partner, I think there's nothing better than him.

He's not selfish, and thinks of supporting me"

Father quietly closed his eyes as he listened.

And then, time passed silently for a while.

"Very well, I approve of your wedding.

Strengthen your relationship with that youth, and just report his Skills' details once you find out"

"No, Father..... If he doesn't want anything beyond marriage, I am uninterested in doing it"

I promised Danna-sama.

That I will definitely not talk about his Skills.

At any rate, I've tried reasoning with Father, but since this is reality, it can't be helped.

"I see, you want to do your best in connecting with him, huh....."

Father said that and closed his eyes once more.

"I'll never accept this! As if I'll let my cute little sister become a bride!"

.....Read the mood, you damn siscon!

CHAPTER 42

CASE: SYLPHID (2)

(Sylphy's POV)

"I'll never accept this! As if I'll let my cute little sister become a bride!"

.....Read the mood, you damn siscon!

Although I am shocked by Brother's inability to read the mood, I calmly started talking. Goodness, if only he didn't have this, he'd be an excellent brother I can respect.....

"Aniue, my marriage is my duty as a part of royalty and before long, Aniue will also have to decide on a partner, no?

Won't you celebrate your younger sister's big moment..... If so, I'll feel extremely sad"

As expected, with me putting it this way, even Brother cannot help but re-think his words.

".....Certainly, if you put it that way, I can't say anything as the First Prince.

However, I am worried! Worried of my cute little sister marrying into the family of a man I have never seen before!

Sylphy, you are a girl. Even if you are called a Princess General, you are still a girl!

Even if it's you, you can't defend yourself against all the malice, can you?

If that time comes, who will protect you? If it's after your marriage, it's that man who will become your partner, right?

Can he really protect you? I doubt that"

It's not like I don't understand Aniue's fears.

From now on, something might appear to hurt me when I leave the capital.

It's indeed a question whether I can absolutely oppose it.

"I can certainly understand what Aniue's trying to say.

However, you've seen it, haven't you? The Orc King's corpse!

He has the power to remove even an Orc King.

He'll surely protect me from any malice!"

".....Is that really true?

A young man who just came of age, no, you can even call him a boy.

He's probably immature when it comes to battles and physical ability, no?

And above all else, he's probably overwhelmingly lacking in life experience.

Those who bear a grudge against the royal family won't attack with just military power, you know?

When they hold your weaknesses and attack, can that boy truly protect you!?"

.....I couldn't say anything.

Danna-sama is certainly strong, no doubt about that.

However, I think what Anieue pointed out is perfectly possible.

".....Nii-san, please drop that. It's extremely uncool from an outside perspective, you know"

This is where Lewis started mediating.

Thank you, it's a good timing to cool down.

"Lewis, what do you think? Your elder sister's marrying off, you know! To such an inexperienced person at that"

While Lewis feebly shook his head, he breathed a magnificent sigh.

He probably gave in, huh.

"Well, it's not like I haven't thought of anything.

.....But you see, she'll have to marry sooner or later.

Nee-san also seems to be interested in this person, so isn't that fine?

About him being young, there's a possibility he can grow, right? That's sufficient, you know.

I think it's way better than marrying Nee-san off to some preverted old geezer, though"

Listening to Lewis' words, Anieue was probably thinking something as he suddenly went quiet.

When Brother and Lewis' exchange ended, Father started participating in the conversation.

“.....Fumu, that’s true, it’s as Lewis said. Being young, isn’t that fine.
It’s up to the person himself, but if he’s willing, the faults Art (*TLN: prev Alto*) pointed out will gradually disappear, won’t it?
If are willing, won’t it be okay for you to temper that youth?
There’s not much of a difference from coaching the knights, is there?”

Aniue let out a ‘hmp’ and didn’t show much dissatisfaction.

“Either way, it’s necessary for the marriage to be in a shrine.
If you marry, the marriage ceremony must be grand, right?
It’ll be sufficient for us to probe that youth then”

Marriage ceremony, huh..... It’s certainly impossible to not perform one.
Is Danna-sama okay with it? I wonder if he’ll become pale and escape.

.....Ah, this can’t do. The real issue still hasn’t been completed.
Since Father and Brother’s responses were according to expectations, I completely forgotten.

“Well, I have a request concerning that matter I would like Father..... or rather, His Majesty The King to consider”

“Hmm? As the king, huh..... I can’t guess what it is, just say it”

“The youth who will become my partner and I, and also Aisha, the Sacred Bow, want to start a Clan and seek approval”

The moment I said Clan, Lewis got into it more than Father.
Well, that’s understandable. Since Lewis himself is a Clan Master.

“Oh, Aneue wants to start a Clan, huh..... Why so suddenly?”

“It’s because I will be in Lucas from now on, so I won’t be able to perform my duties as a knight.
If it’s as a Clan, I can contribute to the country, no? Though it’s also for protecting Danna”

“Oh, “Danna”, huh”

Father and Lewis looked at me and grinned as if they discovered something interesting.

Dammit, my tongue slipped. I accidentally let it slip.

“Oh, when all is said and done, nothing’s better than getting along, huh. I was surprised to hear something like ‘Danna’ coming out of your mouth”

“Danna, huh~, so Nee-san calls him that huh”

After that, although the Clan’s establishment was approved after accepting 2~3 questions, Father and Lewis continued to severely tease me.

Although I was tired from the persuasion as expected, what’s with the exhaustion from something completely unexpected?

“Now then, what should we do with the Orc King”

“Father, why don’t you let my Clan buy it? I’ll give a high price for the wedding gift”

In the first place, Orc-type materials can be bought extremely easily.

To say nothing of an Orc King being rarely obtained, there’s no way an alchemy maniac like Lewis wouldn’t want it.

Although his body is saying ‘It will be helpful’, his real intentions reek of ‘I want it, I want it’.

“Oh, how much will you give?”

Right now, I definitely look like a lion who found its prey.

It’ll be my present for Danna-sama, I should buy it at as high a price as I can.

“.....Let me see. How about 500 platinum coins?”

An ordinary orc would cost about three gold coins, but the Orc King’s magic stone has been extracted.

It’s indeed a reasonable price, but....., let me try a little more.

“Lewis, even if its magic stone has been extracted, it’s still a Calamity Class ingredient, you know.

Isn’t that too cheap? If you miss this chance, there’s no telling when you’ll get it again,

right?

As I said that, Lewis frowned for only a moment and he probably gave up, as raised both of his hands and took a surrendering pose.

“Fuu, Nee-san..... Why don’t you quit being a knight and become a merchant instead? Well, your wedding gift is included in it, so fine, 550 platinum coins it is”

Hmm, well, that’s fine I guess. It isn’t good to covet too much, after all.

“Understood, that will be enough. By the way..... I have three Generals’ corpses, how about it?”

Once again, I grinned broadly and said that to Lewis.

CHAPTER 43

[APPRAISAL•COMPLETE] LEVEL 3

The result of the various experiments was the completion of an abnormal storage bag. I can't tell others about this too, huh.....

It's volume doesn't seem to be that big and from my intuition, I feel that it is probably about 500kg.

Well, from now on, I might be able to make one with bigger volume if the Space-time Magic's level goes up.

I took a deep breath before lying down.

Since I started immersing myself in the experiments, my sense of time has been numbed. It's almost evening, huh.

In the end, the day passed with me going to sell the orcs and experimenting on magic.

For now, my savings are plenty.

Since I don't need to be frugal about my free time and hunt like before, I don't have any problems, but the poor person's mentality stored throughout all these years somehow gave me a sense of impatience.

".....I can't believe I've come this far"

Unintentionally, I let out these words absent-mindedly.

A lot of things really happened these few days.

Even my living environment suddenly changed.

I've heard quite a lot of stories where obtaining a Skill has changed people's lives. But I don't think there's anyone whose life has changed as much as mine.

I've become strong and could get two beautiful brides. One of them is even this country's princess.

The matter with the guild was a shame, but in exchange, I came to build a Clan.

.....Though, as long as Sylphy hasn't return, I don't know what will happen with the Clan.

Although it's not that I am not insecure about my future with the Skills, it'll somehow work out..... I guess?

For now, I'll do the best I can, and work hard to build a warm household like how Otou-san and Okaa-san did.

While I made such a resolution in my heart, I heard a "I'm back" from the entrance.

It seems like Aisha's back.

I wonder how her last day in the guild was. I feel somewhat guilty for that.

When we were talking about it before she left this morning, she told me "It's what I've decided, so don't worry".

That's why I won't say anymore than that, but even so, I apologised to her in my heart.

"Welcome back"

I called out to Aisha as she entered the room.

Hearing my voice, she smiled sweetly and once again replied "I'm back".

It's a simple and modest thing, but my heart was filled with the joy of exchanging greetings with family.

With just two words in our conversation, the atmosphere between us became relaxed in one go, and a conversation naturally started.

"I was somehow able to finish my job at the guild without any problems, and when Hime-sama comes back, we'll be able to concentrate on the Clan"

While drinking the tea I served her, Aisha started talking.

"Which reminds me, Myne-kun. Didn't your dagger break in the fight against the Orc King?"

She probably paid attention to my needs, and didn't ask me about Twirling.
The guilt in my heart is piling up little by little.

Aisha, who quitted the guild for my sake, and said that she would support me.
I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Even with just this concern, I was able to have a peace of mind.

“Yeah, I was able to buy that nice weapon from the weapon shop’s oji-san, but..... as expected it couldn’t cut through the Orc King.
That’s why, today I’ve bought a new dagger! Want to see it?”

Although I said that, without waiting for her reply, I took out the “Lightning Edge” I bought today.

While I was at it, I also took out the “Dagger of Origin” which I will usually use from now on, and placed both of them on the table.

Name: Lightning Edge
Attack: +50
Grade: Ultra
Attribute: Lightning
Effective against: Demon race
Special effect: Critical

Name: Dagger of Origin
Attack: +10
Grade: None
Attribute: Growth
Special effect: None
Required materials: Troll Hide x10, Iron Ingot x20, High grade magic stone

!!?

Huh!? Something was added to the “Dagger of Origin”’s entry!?
What does this material mean!?

Aisha was probably interested in Lightning Edge, and took a look at it.
She was concentrating quite hard on it.

She doesn’t seem to have noticed my trembling when I looked at the appraisal results.
Phew, that was dangerous.

However, I wonder what's the meaning of this?

If I remember correctly, this wasn't written when I previously looked at it.

Ah!? Which reminds me..... something like this happened before, didn't it!? That's right, it was because Appraisal's level increased!

For now, when I don't understand something, I'll appraise it.

[Required Materials] : Materials required for the dagger's growth. Skill training is necessary.

How many times today does this shock make! What? What's 'materials for the dagger's growth'?

I've never heard of a weapon growing.....

Growth means..... that it'll become a stronger weapon..... I think.

"This is a good dagger. With this, you won't need to prepare new ones, huh?"

I was taken aback and came back to my senses from Aisha's voice.

At any rate, it would be better to focus on talking with Aisha.

It'll be impolite towards Aisha if I don't, after all.

While I was thinking as such, we shared with each other for a while about our life until now and the incidents in the past before I became hungry.

It seems that Aisha was also the same, and like today's breakfast, we made the meal together.

Come to think of it, Aisha's cooking level is 6, huh.....

If that's the case, then of course the food will be delicious.

Aisha will become a good wife, you know! wait, she will become my wife!!

The result of me retorting myself was me blushing.

I waved my hands to emphasize that it was nothing when Aisha made a weird face as she looked at me.

"*giggle*, Myne-kun's weird"

While we had such an exchange, we had our dinner as we casually chatted.

It's better to have fun during meals as expected!

After I bid Aisha, who said “Well, let’s sleep”, a good night, Aisha blushed deeply and started talking.

“.....Hey, Myne-kun, we’re getting married right?”

“..... Un”

“Yesterday was also the same, Myne-kun..... umm t, that..... you don’t have an interest in that?”

Uu, is she talking about that.....!?

“N, no..... it’s not like I don’t have interest in that, wouldn’t it be fine..... after we’re married?”

“T, that’s right, isn’t it!? Good night Myne-kun!”

Aisha only left those words and disappeared in the blink of an eye.

Un, this is fine. Sylphy isn’t here, after all!!

.....I’m not a loser, you know!? I’m really not!!!

CHAPTER 44

I WONDER IF IT CAN GROW A LITTLE?

I woke up while the sky was still dark.
I washed my face, waking up my dazed face in one go.

Now then, I couldn't think at ease yesterday night.
Let's think again about [Appraisal · Complete] 's level up.

Thinking that, I appraised the things in one side of the house.
However, the only writing that has changed was in the end the Dagger of Origin's.

No, there are too few samples, so I completely don't know the conditions.
At the moment, I only know about the weapon's "required materials", huh.

For now, this is fine.

The problem is the "Dagger of Origin".
From just the explanation of the growth, it seems like there's a Skill called [Training].

Including the monsters I've fought up so far, I've obtained the Skills of those who held hostility towards me.
That's why, it's not like I stole specific Skills.

That's why, I think the chances of me obtaining the Training skill is quite low.
I wonder if I should prioritise it obtaining it and hoping for a coincidence.

I wonder if I should collect the required materials for now.
Fortunately, it seems like I could now create storage bags, so I don't need to worry about a depository.

Honestly speaking, I am now free. It's not like I can receive requests from the guild, and I don't have anything of priority to do.
If Sylphy comes back, it'll probably be different again, huh.

It might be good to have material collection as an urgent objective.

.....If that happens, I wonder where could I get these materials?

If I ask Aisha, I'll probably know.

While thinking about the time I received lots of advice when I was collecting slime oil, I concluded my thoughts.

Now then, while I was thinking, isn't it now a good time to wake up?

Now, let's start today's activities all-out.

While eating the breakfast I made with Aisha, I asked about the question I had.

"I have something to ask....."

"Hm~, what is it?"

While being at ease, probably from getting used considerably to this life, she was eating her meal, but after being interrupted she replied.

It's a secret that I thought her eating form looks cute.

"Where should I go to find trolls?"

".....Again, that's sudden. Simply put, they're higher ranking monsters than orcs, you know? Though if it's Myne-kun, it'll be an easy victory, huh....."

Let me see..... there doesn't seem to be any trolls living around here.

If you wanted to defeat them no matter what, you have no choice but to go to the dungeon, though it's a little far"

I've heard about it before, so they're at the dungeon, huh. I thought it's a place which will be unrelated to me in my whole life, though....."

Although I need the trolls, since I might also get some good Skills, I should go.

"Un, I want to go there"

As I said that, Aisha lightly replied "Why don't we go then?"

Well, after all, she's a former B-rank adventurer, so there shouldn't be a reason for her to hesitate, right? However, since it's far, I wonder if it would be better to wait for Sylphy to come back?

“Will Sylphy not return then?”

“Hime-sama said that she will take about ten days, so I don’t think it’ll be a problem”

Fumu, then there’s no need to hesitate.

I informed Aisha again that I want to go to the dungeon.

“Well then, after eating I’ll head to the weapon shop to replenish my arrows”

“Un, I understand! I’ll clean up the tableware then!”

As I said that, she smiled happily, and once again, we returned to our meal.



Right now, Aisha and I are heading towards the town with the dungeon..... rather, the town adjacent to the dungeon.

In the first place, what’s a dungeon?

A dungeon is a place which has a space with a fixed structure such as natural places like gigantic caverns or an underground space, and places humans have abandoned like towers or forts.

Although at first, it’s just a space with nothing inside of it, when a gigantic magic stone which demons possess, which is also called a core, is installed, the environment will change and it becomes a space where demon race is born.

The monsters prowling around the dungeon will change depending on the size and the type of core installed.

And if the installed core is destroyed or taken away, the dungeon will collapse.

In the olden days, these circumstances have been confirmed by the adventurers who caused the collapse of the dungeon.

The dungeon we’re heading towards right now is popularly called the <Dungeon of Strength>.

There are a lot of monsters with strong attack power roaming about, and special monsters called Rare Monster rarely appear.

That's how the dungeon is like.

"Phew, we're finally here!"

Swaying in the carriage, it took about ten hours.

We departed in the morning and it was already evening by the time we arrived.

Maybe I should stay in this town, Adol, and enter the dungeon from tomorrow.

I alighted from the carriage and stretched a lot.

Aisha also seems to be quite tired as she also stretched a lot.

Ah, that's right, there's no "robber" inside the carriage this time, you know! I'd be scared if an incident like before happened.

I appraised everyone inside and there were only ordinary people, huh? I understand that there's only ordinary people.

"It's already this late, so why don't we enter the dungeon tomorrow and rest in the town for today"

"That's true, I'm also tired from swaying in the carriage for such a long time..... that's be fine"

Aisha also agreed, so let's first look for an inn.

We have some leeway financially, so maybe we should stay in a slightly better inn.

In my life so far, high class inns were just dreams within dreams.

Or rather, I never thought about it.

At any rate, I had been doing my best to live on everyday.

That's why, I have a great interest in it.

I can't just decide by myself, let's try asking Aisha.

"Since we have some financial leeway, why don't we stay at a slightly better inn?"

After thinking for a while, she replied "Well, okay then", we decided to get a room in the second most expensive inn.

If you asked “Not the most expensive one?”, I said [slightly better inn], and give up.

Well, we’ll be living together after this.

Extravagance is an enemy! something like that, I guess.

By the way, the most expensive inn is 3 gold coins per person per night.

The second most expensive inn we’re staying at is 1 gold coin and 5 silver coins per person.

Both of these inns offer dinner and breakfast.

And it seems like a typical adventurer using an inn will usually cost approximately 3~5 silver coins.

As I think that, although it’s the second most expensive, it isn’t a low level inn.

I think Aisha is splurging a lot for me.

Once again, thank you, Aisha.

As I stepped into the inn, a person who seems to be the proprietress came and received us.

“Welcome to the Silver Bell Pavilion Will the two of you be staying the night?”

.....Although it can’t be helped, the proprietress addressed not me, but Aisha from the start.

Although Aisha frowned a little, she showed the proprietress a smile so that she doesn’t pick up on it.

Rather than the me who just came of age, Aisha naturally looks more like the representative.....

Up until now, I’ve never cared about such things.

However, it feels a little vexing now.

After all, we are getting married.

“Is that okay, “Dear”?”

.....Eh?

Aisha-san replied to the proprietress.
This isn't how she usually talks.

.....Ah, I see. Aisha-san definitely picked up on my current feelings.
Perhaps, she herself might not be pleased with it.

If so, I'll work hard as her partner (though it might be a little early).

"Yes, I don't mind"

As expected of the high class inn's proprietress, she understood from our relationship from the conversation.

She immediately faced towards me again and lightly bowed as she said "Thank you for staying with us"

Although it was a modest, a truly modest event, I feel like I've grown a little.
And at the same time, I thanked Aisha-san for her gentleness once more.

CHAPTER 45

GREAT DISCOVERY IN THE HIGH CLASS INN, AND.....

I wanted to get a room each, thanks to the exchange just now, both of us will be in one room.

.....This was a big miscalculation.

I have a feeling that Aisha's face is also somewhat red.....

"F, for now, why don't we stroll around the town? We might find something good there"

"O, o, of course! Let's go!"

In any case, being in a closed space, the guest room, with only the two of us will feel extremely awkward.

It's completely different from living inside my house!

Of course, I actually want to stroll, but let's use it as an excuse for this.

Our purpose and gains are perfectly aligned, and we rushed out into the evening Town of Adol.



We first headed towards the general store.

It has been decided that I will be living together with Aisha and Sylphy, so we don't have enough various small articles.

Although there's also a general store in Lucas, some things aren't sold there. That's why, we discussed in the carriage that we should search for them once we arrived in Adol.

Precisely because it is called the Town of Labyrinth, the general store has a lot of practical items, and we could buy a few good things.

Since we were able to have fun shopping, before I knew it, the awkward mood from the inn had completely vanished.

“As expected of a labyrinth town, there’s a lot of people, huh”
“Un, I wonder if there are more people than in the capital.....”

Afterwards, I would learn that this time in the evening is exactly the congestion time when the adventurers come out from the labyrinth.

As expected, if it was usually this congested, life would be too tough, huh.

There’s a high chance one will get lost in the crowd.

I..... grasped Aisha’s hand with hesitation.

“W, we can’t lose sight of each other.....”

As I said that like muttering an excuse, Aisha showed a surprised expression for a moment but she squeezed back.

I don’t think the little redness on her cheeks are all because of the setting sun.

The next place we headed towards was the weapon shop.

Precisely because the town is adjacent to the dungeon, I think there will be good weapons and armour.

Since I just bought weapons, I merely window-shopped, but this might be a good opportunity for Aisha.

As we were holding our hands while going around the shop, people who look like adventurers stared at us.

Well that’s understandable, after all, they might become jealous if I walk while holding hands with a beauty like Aisha.

Since the stares were too much, I stopped holding her hand for now.

Although the gazes didn’t stop with just that, there’s nothing more I can do so I ignored them.

Meanwhile, I discovered an “extremely eye-catching” weapon among the ones sold in the shop.

Pitch black “dagger”, “bow” and “one-handed sword”.

All three of them are carelessly placed in the disposal products.

In other words, it means that they are products which are unpopular and remain unsold.

It seems that Aisha also noticed the black weapons I was looking at.

“Myne-kun, that dagger..... it’s the same as the you have right now, isn’t it?”

That’s right, just as Aisha said.

That..... is the growing weapon “Dagger of Origin”.

Name: Dagger of Origin

Attack: +9

Grade: None

Attribute: Growth

Effective against: None

Required materials: Troll Hide x10, Iron Ingot x20, High grade magic stone

Un, there’s no doubt. It’s the same as the one I have.

It’s attack is a little lower, but I think it can be said to be the same.

That means..... the black bow and black one-handed sword placed with it might be.....

Name: One-handed Sword of Origin

Attack: +13

Grade: None

Attribute: Growth

Effective against: None

Required materials: Manticore Hide x5, Iron Ingot x30, High grade magic stone

Name: Bow of Origin

Attack: +10

Grade: None

Attribute: Growth

Effective against: None

Required materials: Manticore Hide x3, Elder Treant Wood x10, High grade magic stone x2

As I expected! It’s not just daggers!

If I remember correctly, Sylphy has [One-handed Sword·Extreme] and Aisha has [Archery·Saint].

I don't know how strong these weapon will become, there's no loss in having them!

"Excuse me! I'll have these two!"

"Thank you for your patronage!"

"Do you have any others of this type?"

"They can occasionally be found in the labyrinth, so they are often sold here.

Well, they aren't that strong a weapon, so if there are new arrivals, they'll immediately go to the disposal section.

Even so, there are those who buy them since they're of a rare colour"

Both of them cost 5 silver coins. Un, they're cheap.

If I see any others, it might be good to buy them too.

Aisha asked "Why do you buy things like this?" and made a curious face.

Well, that's understandable.

While I dodged the question with a smile, I tossed the bow and one-handed sword I just bought into the storage bag.

I looked at the other things, but since there isn't anything I want to buy right now, I thanked the shopkeeper and exited the shop.

"It's quite late, huh. Why don't we head back to the inn?"

There's also a time period for the meal so it'd be a waste if we missed it"

On the way to the inn, while we were tempted a little by the different food stalls, we somehow returned to the inn and could get our dinner.

As expected of a high class inn, there are a lot of complicated dishes, and both Aisha and I were completely satisfied.

High class inns aren't just for show, huh!



Finishing the delicious meal, we returned and relaxed in the room. Then, I heard Aisha calling me.

“Look at that, Myne-kun! A bath! There’s a bath, you know!!”

.....Bath? Ah, the facilities nobles and royalty use to wash their bodies, huh. Oh, as expected of a high class inn.

Famous people definitely stay here too.
Since we’ve specially come here, let’s try using it.

“How do we use this?”

“Warm water is put into this big box, and then you undress and enter it”

I see, like bathing in the river, and wiping our bodies with a wet towel, huh.

“Have you used it before, Aisha?”

“Yeah, there’s one in the guild’s dorm, after all. It feels really good, you know. You’ll also feel refreshed after getting out”

.....I see, so my house is inconveniencing you, huh.
I’m sorry.....

I then decided to immediately ask Aisha how to use the hot bath and entered it.
“Phew~, this feels good~♪”

So this is what Aisha meant by feeling good.
I feel like the hot water is dissolving my fatigue.

Sylphy also probably..... no, definitely regularly enters a bath, huh.
I’ve also sold the Orc King and Orc General to her, I wonder if I should quickly build one at home.

I wonder how much this costs.

Experiencing the goodness of a bath, I exited the bath in a good mood, thanked Aisha for letting me enter first, and threw myself onto the bed.

Seeing me in a completely good mood, Aisha giggled and told me not to worry.

While I was lying on the bed, time passed, and Aisha stepped out of the bath.

Aisha coming out from the bath with a slight blush..... is really beautiful.

Looking at her figure, I immediately remembered the fact that we will be together in the room, which I had forgotten, and my cheeks were blushed a deep red.

Aisha also blushed deeply, no matter how you think about it, she's the same.

I've always thought that it should be after Sylphy comes back and we hold the marriage ceremony, but.....

It's unlikely that I can endure the really charming Aisha who just came out of the bath.

".....Aisha, is it okay?"

As I asked her that with a voice blurred by nervousness, she quietly nodded and came to my side.

As I gently embraced Aisha closely..... she smelled really nice.

.....Then, a night passed, with us on the same bed.

CHAPTER 46

THE LABYRINTH OF STRENGTH (1)

“.....I don’t recognise this ceiling”

Well of course, this is the room of a high class inn, The Silver Bell, located in the Town of Labyrinth.

Of course there’s no way I would know this ceiling.

Sleeping beside me, was a beautiful woman in her birthday suit.

Needless to say, she is one of my fiancées, Aisha Lorelle.

Last night, succumbing to Aisha’s sexy appearance after she got out from the bath, in the end, I made love with her.

I thought that this should be done after we are properly married, but..... my reasoning couldn’t win over an older beauty’s charm from coming out of the bath.

It can’t be helped since I’m an adult male who has an interest in girls, furthermore, it was also my first experience with it.

.....It can’t be helped, right?

Such being the case, I’ve slept with the naked Aisha, but I’m troubled to find a place to look.

Although I’ve seen every nook and cranny of her, as expected it’s still troubling.....

For now, since I feel sticky all over, I should take a bath once more.

I’ve become completely obsessed with the appeal of a bath.

“~ ♪”

As I was relaxing and humming in the bath, I heard Aisha’s voice from the other side of the bath.

“Myne-kun, are you in the bath?”

As I replied, “Yeah, I am”..... Aisha entered the bath!?

Furthermore.....No, it's natural if it's in the bath, but she was stark naked!

Although she looked a little embarrassed, she steadily gaited and approached the bathtub.

She then poured hot water on herself and smiled lightly at me.

"I came in since it'd be a waste of time if I don't. I'll wash your back, okay?"

Well, we've seen each other's body thoroughly yesterday and did more amazing things, so she'd be willing to enter the bath together..... I'm happy, but.....

.....Aren't you somehow a little too bold? Aisha-san?



As a result, we flirted since morning, and because of that, we were just barely in time for the inn's breakfast.

Even during the meal, we didn't restrain ourselves in any way. While ignoring the cold gazes from our surroundings, Aisha and I kept flirting.

Although there are parts that have broken through after sleeping together, our attitude towards each other became evidently closer.

"Why don't we go to the dungeon after eating? Let's finish our objective quickly and return home.

It'll be troubling if Sylphy returned, though unlikely"

By the way, the breakfast was really delicious.

The bath was good, the food was delicious, as expected of a high class inn.

Especially the bath, that was a great gain.

I wonder if we should build a bath like the one before at home? As I asked Aisha that, she gladly accepted.

She told me that since Sylphy also wants a bath, we should build it as soon as possible.

Un, I think I'll try to order it from the craftsman as soon as we get back.

After finishing the delicious breakfast, we went straight to our destination, the dungeon.

When we finally arrived at the dungeon's entrance, we saw a knight at the reception.

"Good afternoon! Can we enter the dungeon?"

As I asked the knight, he took out a paper and said "Please fill in your name and place of residence".

On this paper, the time of exit seems to also be recorded.

In the case where an accident happens inside and someone cannot return, by checking this paper, it seems that they can check if someone hasn't returned.

As Aisha and I filled out the paper and handed it in, the knight handed us metal plates in return.

This pairs up with the previous paper we filled up.

If someone happens to find this in the dungeon, as expected, that would mean that there's a possibility that something happened to the owner.

After finishing the legal process and asking for quick information about the interior, we finally started challenging the Labyrinth of Strength.

#Labyrinth of Strength, First Floor

"Oh, I thought it would have a gloomier feel since it's called a dungeon, but it seems like I was wrong, huh"

That was what I thought when I first stepped into the labyrinth.

"Will we need something like a torchlight?" thought I, and it seemed strange that Aisha didn't try to prepare it.

The walls themselves are emitting a subtle glow reminiscent of a firefly's light. Thanks to that, the inside of the labyrinth is quite bright.

"The Dungeon of Strength is like this, other dungeons might need illumination"

I see, the interior and ambience certainly changes depending on the place. Dungeons..... They're quite profound, huh.

As we advanced while I listened to Aisha-sensei's lecture on labyrinths, we discovered some monsters gathered together.

Name: Power · Slime

LV:6

Race: Slime Family

Gender: None

[Skill]

Continuous: Power

[Ability]

None

Name: Power · Heat Slime

LV:7

Race: Slime Family

Gender: None

[Skill]

Continuous: Heat

[Ability]

None

These seem to be a few levels higher compared to the slimes I defeated on the guild request before this.

Might be because of the labyrinth, huh.

Five slimes of two types are gathered, but.....

.....They have some incomprehensible Skills, huh.

Un, I understand “Continuous”.

After all, it's name is self explanatory, but..... What the heck is power, what is it!

I don't quite understand what heat means either, does it mean “Hot!” , that kind of heat!?

For now, let's cut them off.

I took the power and pasted it, but I don't really understand it.

Since it follows continuous, it'll probably be in effect even if I don't do anything, but.....

U~n, as expected, I'll have to use appraisal if I don't understand. (TLN: *Just in case you*

didn't know, un = yes, uun = no, well, usually.)

[Continuous: Power] : Become slightly stronger.

Wait! What, what's with this Skill!! Are you retorting me even though you're just a Skill!!?

Somehow..... I can predict what Heat will be, but..... let's try appraising it just in case.

[Continuous: Heat] : Become slightly hotter.

Oou..... as I expected.....

As expected, I wouldn't need this, huh.....

.....Ah, wait!? I got a good idea.

I cut the **[Continuous: Heat]** picked up one of the pebbles scattered about the ground and pasted the Skill onto it.

As I held the pebble in my hand, I certainly felt some heat.

It feels like slightly hot water.

I experimented more.

I cut **[Continuous: Heat]** from another Power Heat Slime and pasted it on the same pebble.

"Hot!?"

Seeing me suddenly shout, Aisha looked at me as she asked "What's wrong?".

"I, I'm okay, it's nothing"

Since I can't let Aisha get scalded, I cut **[Continuous: Heat]** from the pebble and pasted it on a different one.

"Ara, it's true. This pebble..... is strangely hot, huh"

".....Yeah, I was a little surprised"

For now, I might be able to use continuous activation Skills for something.

Without delay, I pasted all of them into pebbles and put them into my storage bag.

"Well, let's kill the slimes"

While saying that, I took a few ordinary pebbles lying around on the ground, and threw them as hard as I can towards the slimes.

It flew with a violent force along with a sharp wind noise, and directly hit a slime.

Although slimes have soft bodies, it couldn't absorb the impact, and it died too quickly. Even if it's a pebble, if thrown by me, a level 61, the result's hardly surprising.

Speaking of Aisha..... she stared at the eliminated slimes with a shocked expression on her face.

Well, that's understandable, I guess.

Although it's stone, it isn't that big or heavy a pebble.

That flying with a wind noise, and defeated them in one hit, though they are slimes.

While I looked at the shocked Aisha with the corners of my eyes, I rapidly threw pebbles.

I could have used [Finger Bullet], but I plan to use Skills as little as possible.

The remaining four slimes were defeated in one hit like the first.

Then, seven [Slime Oil] dropped from the defeated slimes.

.....This is probably the effect of [Probability], huh.

"Myne-kun, you're amazing as expected. My bow probably won't even be needed....."

"Uun, that's not true! They're slimes after all. Stronger ones will appear on lower floors, right?"

".....Well, that's true, though....."

While pacifying Aisha, we advanced deeper into the dungeon.

CHAPTER 47

LABYRINTH OF STRENGTH (2)

It seems that there's only slimes on the first floor.

Besides the power slime and power heat slime we defeated at first, there's also these types.

- Power Blue Slime is[Water]
- Power Green Slime is[Wind]
- Power White Slime is[Light]

The Skills they own are as assumed; all of them are continuous types.

[Water] is "Water comes out slightly"

[Wind] is "Wind flows out slightly"

[Light] is "Becomes slightly brighter"

I've put in around 20 pebbles with each of them pasted with the Skills into my storage bag.

While defeating(popping) the slimes, I thought, and I arrived at the conclusion that I can use these to make magic tools, can't I?

Now, what I wanted to test was the bath.

Piling up [Water], filling the bathtub, and heating up the water by piling up [Heat].

I thought that with this, even without anyone intervening, hot water can accumulate in the bath, huh.

For the installation, I need to consult the carpenter, though.....

If this succeeds, there will be various other uses for them.

Once we return home, I'll need to research it!

.....Though, slimes really are mysterious lifeforms, huh.....

As we walked while I was thinking that, a large door appeared in front of us.

“Myne-kun, it seems that we’ve reached the first floor boss’ room”

“Since it’s a boss, as expected, it’ll be strong, huh?”

“U~n, it’s not that strong since it’s only the first floor’s, but..... I think it’ll probably be a slime type”

It seems that each floor’s boss will be that floor’s monsters’ superior type.
But rare bosses seldom appear, and it seems like it’ll be different from the monsters on that floor.

Well, it’s called rare, after all.
I don’t think we’ll come across it that often, but I’d like to see it at least once.

“Well, let’s do this!”

“.....Finally I’ll have a turn, huh”

Ah, Aisha seems a little peeved.
However, the first floor’s enemies are weak, and in the first place, they’re slimes.....
Since it’s overkill with just me alone, Aisha won’t get her turn no matter what.

It’s also a waste to use arrows against slimes.

While thinking on how I could cheer Aisha up, we opened the door to the boss room and entered it.
The monster inside it is.....

Name: Exusia Slime LV:12 Race: Slime family Gender: None Mollusk Prison (Soft Body Prison)
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There’s a huge slime.

Oh, it seems to have a incomprehensible ability.....
Although it’s a boss, it doesn’t have a Skill, huh.

For now, let's try investigating the "Myne-kun, I'm going in!" Ability..... Eh?

Uwa, Aisha started battling before I investigated the Ability.

Since she couldn't fight up until now, quite a lot of stress accumulated, huh..... I'm sorry.

The arrow Aisha fired was similar to when she helped me in the orc settlement; It became three paths and flew towards the slime.

For now, it'll be fine to put off checking the ability, and steal its ability beforehand to weaken it.

Up until now, I threw away all the unnecessary Skills and abilities around somewhere, but since we took the trouble to come here, let's paste it on a table set it aside. If it's a pebble it won't become a nuisance, after all.

While I did that at the back, Aisha didn't slacken her attack.

As expected of [Archery · Sacred], precisely because it's the second highest Skill, each strike contains an outrageous power.

It can repel high orcs, it's that strong.

After a few minutes, although its ability's gone and it's weakened, Aisha defeated the Exusia Slime completely safely.

As expected of a former B-rank adventurer!

"Thank you for your hard work! This time, I didn't get a turn, you know"

As I called out to Aisha while smiling, she giggled in a good mood.

It seems that she let out her stress.

Un, that's good. That's good.

Come to think of it, I thought while looking at Aisha's battle, the Skills I stole from the Power Slimes.

If I had that sort of interesting continuous activation type, it might be good to stick the Skills onto the arrowheads.

For example, piling up a lot of “Heat” and attacking, won’t it be quite effective?
Something like the so-called elemental arrow?

I need to research this too, huh.

.....Now then, let’s take a look at the Exusia Slime’s drops.

[Exusia Oil] : By applying it on skin, it can moisturise it with high effectiveness.

First is the promised Oil, but.....

I don’t quite understand it.

And, there’s also another one.

An equipment-like drop.

Name: Exusia Cape

Defence: +5

Grade: Advanced

Attribute: None

Special effects: Physical attacks will sometimes be reduced by 1~2.

U~~~n, compared to the boss, this is tricky..... maybe this cape is just for a piece of mind..... I think?

What’s with the oil, does Aisha know?

As I thought that and looked over at Aisha, she somehow seemed to be happy.

“What’s wrong?”

“This, this Exusia Oil is a popular item among the female nobles.

If smeared, it’ll moisten and the skin will become smooth, you know.

It isn’t circulated much, so it’ll fetch a considerably high price”

Oh, it’s an unexpectedly expensive item.

Since it’s a popular item among females, it’ll probably be good if Aisha and Sylphy uses it.

After all, we don’t need to worry about money for now.

“Then, let’s hold on to it for Aisha and Sylphy to use!”

As I said that, she shyly asked “Is that okay?”.

As I nodded, she gently took the oil and happily put it into her storage bag.

Un, if she’s happy, then I’m happy too.

By the way, like slime oil, the Exusia Oil is contained in a transparent bottle-like container.

“Why don’t you equip this cape. Since it’s a cape, it won’t suit me”

While I said that, she gently put on the cape on her shoulders.

The Exusia Cape is pure white bordered with a golden colour, a design which seems quite expensive.

I think it suits Aisha quite well.

Since we’ve gotten the drops without problems, we decided to search for a way to go to the next level.

As we tried looking around, a door which didn’t exist before this appeared.

“That door will bring us to a small room which is connected to the next level”

Urged by Aisha, we opened the door and entered it.

I thought for a moment on whether there might be traps or something, but Aisha told me that the door which appears after the boss is defeated doesn’t have any traps. Since this information can be confirmed in the adventurer’s guild, it should be alright.

Although I can’t believe it 100%, either way, there’s no choice but to believe it and open it, huh.

Even if there are traps, neither Aisha nor I could just call this off.

Inside the room we entered, there was a large stone monument.

As this stone monument is a transfer stone, it seems that if you touch it once, it is possible to instantaneously move to another stone monument.

There’s also one of these at the dungeon’s entrance, and Aisha told me that I could touch it to return.

We then discovered a set of stairs leading downwards on the opposite side of the stone monument.

“Yosh, well then, let’s head to the first basement floor”

#Dungeon of Strength, B1

The main monsters in B1 are orc type and goblin type monsters.

By the way, on the floor below us, the second basement floor is inhabited by trolls we are aiming for.

As I thought about the fact that the first floor’s monsters are slimes, it could be said that the difficulty level suddenly spiked.

I was told that this is the Dungeon of Strength’s characteristic; It is centered around monsters which specialise in “Strength”.

At last from now on is the crucial moment.

“Aisha, please be really careful on this floor”

Similar to the surface’s orcs, they catch and sexually assault various species’ women, and thrive by making children.

Of course, they breed among themselves, but it seems that they prefer other species’ women.

From here on, I won’t be unwilling to use my Skills, and will fight.

I can’t let anything happen to Aisha just in case.

I equipped the Dagger of Origin on my left hand and Lightning Edge on my right, and carefully started searching.

Aisha also prepared herself and followed behind me.

We then encounter the first monsters of this floor.

Name: Power · Orc

LV:18

Species: Demon Race

Gender: Male

[Skill]

Strong Arm
Strength Rise
[Ability]
Roar

Name: Power · Goblin
LV:14
Species: Demon Race
Gender:Male
[Skill]
Body Enhancement · Small
[Ability]
Roar

There doesn't seem to be much difference from the ones on the surface.
If it's just this, then I can somehow manage.

Cutting all their Skills and abilities, I pasted them onto pebbles, which I then put into my bag.
Then, I [Pasted] their legs onto the ground.

.....The moment I pasted them, both of the monsters magnificently fell face first.

"Now, Aisha!"

Along with my shout, Aisha shot as if saying 'I've been waiting'.
I then started attacking with [Magic · Fire], trying not to interfere with her shooting path.

They received the surprise attack and in a twinkling of an eye, they became corpses.

".....Myne-kun, you did something, right?"

Well, they suddenly fell down, after all.....

".....Un, a little"

While Aisha nodded and said “I see”, she started talking.

“It’s OK, It’ll be troubling if I can’t react when something like that suddenly happens, so I’d be happy if you told me next time”

Aisha didn’t say anything beyond that.

As if giving affirmation for everything I will do, as if that is natural..... That’s how she behaved.

I’m really grateful for that.

With my right arm, I secretly wiped the tears in my eyes.

CHAPTER 48

LABYRINTH OF STRENGTH (3)

We've encountered some orcs and goblins since then, but we mysteriously didn't meet any superior types.

I've gotten used to hunting both orcs and goblins, but by using paste at the same time, we were able to easily hunt them as if it was work.

At first, Aisha was cautious when fighting them, but now, she efficiently defeated them with considerable calmness.

Name: Aisha Lorelle
LV:29 (28→29) LevelUp!
Race: Hume
Gender: Female
Age: 26 years
Occupation: Archery Master Change!

Her level increased from 28 to 29.

"We defeated quite a lot including the first floor boss, isn't this quite the good pace?" I thought.

There wasn't particularly any monsters who possessed different Skills, I repeated the work of pasting the Skills on pebbles.

About an hour passed since we descended to the basement.

Suddenly, we heard a different cry from an orc.

.....That's an Ogre, no doubt.

Orcs are referred to as demon race which has its origin as "pigs".

An orc is said to humes, beastmen, elf, dwarf, etc., which mutated by absorbing the so-called "Evil Air", evil influence into their body.

Incidentally, miasma contains thick magical power.

Because of that, orc meat has a taste similar to that of high quality pork.

Different from pigs, if an adventurer or knight does not have a certain amount of

strength, they can't defeat it. That's why not much of it is circulated, and it fetches a high price.

I also profited quite a lot thanks to orc meat.

The ogre we are aiming for is troublingly said to have its origins as a "oni".

Oni here means something which is originally classified as the oni race, who built a favourable relationship with roughly us humes, elves, beastmen races.

If a part of the oni race absorbs miasma, and their figure changes, they will become monsters called ogres.

One theory states that the demon race secretly manouvered and captured the oni race when the dungeon was made and made them absorb miasma against their will.

An ogre's traits are that they are extremely strong, quick-witted, agile, and burly, a triple threat.

The Skills they have specialise in attack, and their battle style seems to be triumphing with a one-hit knockout.

Putting it simply, something like an upgraded version of an orc,

.....That ogre appeared in front of us while letting out a terrifying roar.

Name: Power · Ogre

LV:35

Race: Demon race

Gender:Male

[Skill]

Rock · Slash

Strong Arm · Extreme

[Ability]

None

As expected, it's fairly strong.

.....Eh? The ogre swung its right hand greatly, and threw something towards us from that hand!

“Aisha look out!”

I hugged Aisha tightly and flopped to the side, evading the object that came flying. The object that came flying passed above us at a high speed, and directly hit the rock wall behind us, spreading out a loud destruction noise to the surroundings and smashing it.

.....I think the thing that came flying was probably a gigantic boulder

When it appeared, such a gigantic boulder wasn't in its hand.
It might have appeared when it swung its right hand.

Perhaps, the attack just now was the Rock Smash it had.
Using it before I had examined it..... that was seriously dangerous.

“Aisha, that guy's mine. I think it'd be disadvantageous fighting from a distance”

Well, since I've cut its Skill, there's no need to be cautious about it anymore.
Thinking about its physical strength, it'll be a wonder if it could throw the boulders which fell around that area.

After I confirmed that Aisha nodded and fell back, I equipped Lightning Edge on my right hand and ran towards the ogre.
It probably recognised me as a target, and started swinging its right hand greatly like before.

“Too bad for you! You can't use that anymore!”

While casting self-enhancements and running towards the ogre, I announced that, and as I did, the ogre who realised that it can't use the Skill let out a terrifying roar.

Slipping through the fist unleashed by the ogre with a violent force, I brandished Lightning Edge.
Although the steel dagger also had a tremendous sharpness, I can feel that this Lightning Edge was even sharper than that.

I planned to give it a fairly severe wound, but the ogre is still alive.
It didn't seem to care about its wound, it waved both of its hands around in hopes of

catching me.

The attack would probably be a fatal wound for an orc, but this guy has a fearsome vitality.

From the looks of it, I judged that half-hearted attacks won't stop it, and I executed my next hand.

Yes, it's [Martial Art: Shark Glow] !

Evading the swing of its somewhat large arm, I rushed into its bosom, and I struck it with a fatal blow.

A violent explosion sound resounded all around, and the ogre finally fell down on the spot.

"Phew"

"Myne-kun, thank you for your hard work. Are you alright? Any injuries?"

Aisha ran over here worriedly.

"Un, I'm fine"

I replied with a smile, and threw the ogre's corpse into my storage bag.

"It was quite strong, huh"

As I said that, she smiled wryly and replied "It isn't 'quite', but a really strong monster, though".

While speaking about our thoughts on the first time fighting an ogre, as we advanced, we discovered the B1's boss room.

Huh? That's quite a lot of people in front of the boss room.

Are they going to fight the boss, I wonder?

While we slowly got closer, the people in front of the boss room also seemed to have noticed us.

"You guys, are you perhaps here to fight the boss?"

A man in his prime who was wearing an extravagant armour called out to us.

Aisha who saw his figure raised her voice as she said “Ara”.

“Hm?Sacred Bow, huh. I heard you’ve quit being an adventurer, so what are you doing in such a place?”

It seems that he’s an acquaintance of Aisha.

“There’s an errand.....I guess. Since you’re here, that means these people are the “Soaring Sandstorm”, am I right?”

Hm? “Soaring Sandstorm” I think I’ve heard it somewhere before.
And it seems quite recent..... what was it again.....

“Yeah, a request came in for the Clan.

We came to get Speed Shoes dropped by the rare monster from this boss room, Cocka
· Grice.

At any rate, it is a rare monster..... it’s not coming out at all.
We shouldn’t have accepted such a request, good grief”

Aah, I remember.

The Clan a former A-rank adventurer formed.

If I remember correctly, the leader’s someone by the name Cass or something.
I wonder if it’s this guy?

Name: Cass

Race: Hume

LV:42

Gender: Male

Age: 32 years

Occupation: Commander

[Skill]

One-handed Sword · Sacred Lv7

Trap Production Lv5

Direct Penetration LV6

Aah, as I expected, this man is the leader Cass.
At any rate, he's amazing.

As expected of a former A-rank adventurer.
He even has three strong-looking Skills.

"That aside, Aisha. Are there only the two of you? You coming here means that you're after the boss, right?

With just two people, rather than harsh, it'll be impossible, you know"

He seems to be worried about us.
He's making a stern face, but he's quite the nice person, huh?

"Well, we'll somehow manage. By the way, what's the situation right now?"

As Aisha asked that, Cass-san sighed and explained the situation.
Since a week ago, they've fought the boss and it seems that they're gradually getting tired.

Well, that's understandable. After all, it'll be tiring secluding yourself in a dungeon for a week and continuing to hunt the same monster over and over.

That's why, they're taking a break right now.

"Well then, it won't be a problem for us to enter the boss room, right?"

".....Well, I don't mind, but..... Are you seriously planning on enter with two people? You'll die"

Cass-san then shrugged his shoulders after understanding that we are serious.

"Okay, I know I know. Well then, let's go in together. Since if you die it'll leave a bad aftertaste"

No, that'll be a problem.
I appreciate his feelings, but I'll have to firmly reject it.

".....No thank you, it'll be alright with just the two of us, so....."

I interrupted their conversation here.
Since I suddenly interrupted them, he were surprised.

He looked at me with eyes as if saying “What’s with this guy?”.

“Although I don’t know who you are, don’t you look down on the boss.
Aisha here’s my acquaintance from way back.
I can’t just let her go knowing she’ll die, can I?”

Cass-san answered me with a tone as if shocked and a little angry.

“Cass, it’s not that we’re going without any chances of success.
I appreciate your sentiments, but won’t you please pull back?
Since it’ll be a waste of time conversing”

Being told that by Aisha after me, Cass reluctantly withdrew.
Since it seemed like he had something else to say, we immediately entered the boss room.

The “Soaring Sandstorm”’s members also seemed to look at us with inquisitive eyes.

Well, challenging an enemy which they needed a whole Clan to fight against with just two people is normally insane, after all.
I wonder if I can understand their feelings.

Looking at their inquisitive looks from the corner of my eyes, the both of us stepped into the boss room.

By the way, once a battle starts in a boss room, the door won’t open.
Until the boss or the challenger dies, the door will stay closed.

Now then, what’s the boss?

Name: Cocka · Grice

LV:42

Race: Bird Family

Gender: –

[Skill]

Rush
[Ability]
Flying Feather
Petrifaction

Ugh, the rare boss Cass-san and the others are after.
It seems to have a dangerous ability named petrifaction.....

Let's steal them for now.
If not, we'll be scared and can't get close to it.

".....Myne-kun, that rare boss..... as expected, isn't it too strong?"

Aisha asked me worriedly.

"It'll be alright. It's a cockatrice-type monster, isn't it?
If that's the case, it might have a petrifaction attack, so let's defeat it by focusing on long range attacks"

As I said that, I activated [Sorcery Extremity LV2].

"Well then, I'm going in"

I then fired [Magic·Fire] rapidly just like I did when I defeated the Orc·Generals.
I chose Magic·Fire because I somehow have a feeling that bird's feathers will burn well.

For a short while, a thunderous roar resounded, and after I stopped attacking, what was left was a scorched, staggering Cocka Grice.

I used [Strong Arm·Extreme LV2] [Body Enhancement·Large LV2] [Physical Strength Enhancement·Extreme LV2] to finish it off, and charged in instantly.

I then aimed at the Cocka Grice's base of the throat, and brandished Lightning Edge.
That blow strengthened by Skills quickly sent the Cocka Grice's neck flying.
".....Myne-kun, you overdid it....."

Aisha's muttering resounded through the boss room.

CHAPTER 49

LABYRINTH OF STRENGTH (4)

Although we were surprised by the unexpected appearance of the rare boss, we were able to defeat the B1 boss.

I was told off by Aisha for overdoing it, but since it was completely better than dying or getting injured, I didn't regret it.

I smiled and dodged Aisha's question.

Now's the long awaited drops.

Although the "Speed Shoes" Cass-san was talking about seem like it will drop, I have the drop increasing Skills [Probability].

I'll be happy with anything good, though.

Name: Speed Shoes

Agility: +12

Grade: High

Attribute:

Special effects: Movement Speed 2 Up

Name: Ciel Sourie (TLN: I have no idea what this even is: シエルスーリエ

Agility: +25

Grade: Ultra

Attribute: Wind

Special Effects: Movement Speed 3 Up

Air Walk

These two are the drops.

Both of them are shoes. One of them is the Speed Shoes we heard before entering.

I wonder if movement speed increase is something like the [Swift Feet] Skill?

I see, Skills don't raise the ability, but equipment can.

And the other one, I think it's probably a rare drop, but I wonder if it's a superior version of Speed Shoes?

Eh? "Air Walk"? that means, I can walk on air with this!?

..... This is amazing.

For now, let's put this into the storage bag.

Letting Aisha and Sylphy use them sounds good.

"I feel a little bad for Cass-san and the others"

As I said that, Aisha shook her head and told me "This is how dungeon exploring's like".

Certainly, there'll be no end to it if we start talking about it.

I'll be troubling if he said since we lined up beforehand, that is ours.

Pulling myself together, we decided to head to the next level.

The level containing the trolls we are aiming for.

Touching the transfer stone, we headed to the next level.



As expected, I should have stopped them with all my might.

Even if Aisha is strong and called the Sacred Bow, it's been several years since she retired as an adventurer.

Moreover, she specialises in archery as her nickname suggests.

No matter what, due to a bow's nature, there's no choice but to take a distance from the target.

To make use of that ability, she will need an excellent tank. That is absolute.

Even so, the person in the same party as Aisha was a young lad who may or may not have come of age.

No matter how I think, I can't imagine him being a tank.

Even if he has a tank's Skill and can play his part as one, the boss which appears here

is the superior type of Power Ogre, the Strong Ogre.

A monster which possesses atrocious physical strength and defence.

It's a formidable enemy that even our twenty people can only somehow defeat it.

It is by no means an enemy two people can challenge.

However, Aisha and that lad said that they completely don't need backup.

If they declared as that, I don't have the right nor qualification to hinder their actions.

Challenging a dungeon is one's own responsibility, after all.

However, seeing them off into the boss room, I succumbed to the regret.

Putting that lad aside, I've only met him for a short while, but Aisha is a friend from way back.

I cannot help the aftertaste of watching over her going to her death and regretting while doing nothing.

A few minutes after they entered the boss room, I heard a thunderous roar similar to something exploding from inside the room.

.....I wonder if that was the sound of a magic explosion?

I've never heard of Aisha using offensive magic.

If that's the case..... it's reasonable to assume that the lad uses magic.

I see, that lad isn't a tank, but a damage dealer, huh.

That means, their strategy is probably a short decisive battle with Aisha's archery and the boy's magic.

Then, as expected, five minutes after the thunderous roar resounded, silence returned to the surroundings.

The boss room's door's rock then cleared, and as I peeked inside it, their figure was nowhere to be found.

If the challenger loses to the floor boss, their corpse will remain in the room for a while, and will be absorbed by the dungeon for a fixed period.

Them not being inside means that they obtained victory without problems.

Instead of thinking that it was good that an acquaintance didn't die, I felt fear towards their strength that could suppress a boss with just two people.



#Dungeon of Strength, B2

“We’ve somehow arrived at the level we were aiming for, that’s good”

We don’t particularly need to capture this floor.

In the end, our target is the trolls.

By the way, trolls are generally huge.

Orcs and ogres are also big, and are generally around 2~3 metres.

Orc Kings are around 5 metres.

Smaller trolls are of approximately the same size as Orc Kings.

However, trolls instead have extremely dull movements and have considerably low defence compared to orcs.

Despite that, they are said to be higher rank monsters compared to orcs. There are reasons for that.

One of the reasons is that they have a high regeneration ability, they can quickly recover even if they receive damage.

Also, they can release a strong shock wave from the one large eye which takes up not less than 1/3 of its face.

These two abilities raise the difficulty level for subjugating trolls.

In reality, trolls cannot be defeated by half-baked firepower.

There are also many parties which could not defeat it after a long, continuous battle, and have gotten themselves wiped out.

Therefore, they are recognised as higher rank monsters than orcs.

By the way, this floor’s boss seems to be “Troll Gazer”.

Normal trolls already have troubling damage regeneration ability, but this guy seems

to have even an even stronger regeneration ability.

It is common sense that rare monsters are usually stronger than a dungeon boss, but rare monsters seem to be easier to defeat than this guy.

Actually, there are almost no parties which broke through this floor.

Practically all who managed to break through had coincidentally encountered rare monsters, and there is only a small number who managed to defeat the Troll Gazer and break through.

While we carefully observed the surroundings, we advanced to the second floor.

Since I am using [Presence Detection · Moderate], there's no way for us to be struck by a surprise attack.

We wandered about the floor for about 10 minutes, and finally managed to encounter our target, a troll.

Name: Power · Troll

LV:46

Race: Demon race

Gender:Male

[Skill]

Regeneration

Magic Eye of Shock

Strong Arm · Extreme

[Ability]

None

“Fa!?”

I accidentally shouted.

Eh? What's shock..... and magic eye!?

Aisha made a puzzled face at my sudden shout.

“What's wrong? Myne-kun”

While I flusteredly shook my head, I dodged the question by saying “Nothing”.

It's a secret that I retorted myself by saying “No, there's no way it's nothing” in my

mind.

Now then, let me see the reason they're called higher rank monsters compared to orcs, the rumoured regeneration ability and shock wave.

Firstly, before I steal its Skills, I want to confirm that power with my own eyes.

Since it's called regeneration, it should recover from wounds, I wonder what about the damaged parts?

If it could recover even lost arms or legs, I would understand the wonder compared to orcs.

Even if I experiment after stealing it, as expected, I don't feel like trying it out on my own body.

Since there's an "eye" attached to Magic Eye, I want to confirm how it activates.

If it's a Skill where something rushes out from the eyes, there's no way I can show it with others present.

"Aisha, let's go!"

As I said that, I charged at the troll and Aisha drew her bow to the limit and started attacking.

Before I started, the arrows Aisha shot continuously hit the troll.

Un, as I have heard, it's movements are pretty dull.

If it's just this, then it could be said that orcs and ogres are stronger than it.

.....However!

The parts Aisha's attack wounded visibly recovered.

I see Just as the rumours say, it has an amazing recovery power.

Next, receive my attack!

Lightning Edge in my right hand, and the Dagger of Origin on my left.

I try to favourably hit the dull troll from left and right continuously.

Though the attack was loaded with only [Twin Swords·Extreme], because the level difference is big, considerable damage was delivered.

If this attack hits, orcs would have long been defeated, but the troll still held out. Moreover, at that time, it rushed to deliver damage.

“Something” hit me, and I was blown off. And at the same time a violent pain ran through my whole body.

Put into words, it’s exactly “Shock”.

Something like a mass of invisible power.

It’s a different thing from the similarly invisible wind magic, so this is [Magic Eye of Shock].

“Myne-kun!!”

Aisha rushed over to me and helped me recover using [Magic · Large Recovery Lv4].

“.....Ow ow ow ow..... Thanks, Aisha”

.....This is very troubling, isn’t it.

I feel like it activated without any preparation movements.

“Hey, Aisha. Did you see that guy’s attack just now?”

“I felt like it’s eyes shined for a moment, but..... I couldn’t see it at all”

She probably understood what I wanted to say, and instantly replied with the answer I wanted.

The shine in its eyes was probably its preparation movement, but since it’s an invisible attack, I can’t clearly conclude.

On the contrary, even it’s seen when I am outside where I’m worried about, they won’t know what I did.

It seems to be alright even if I used it in public.

“.....It certainly is more troublesome than orcs”

Even though I slashed at it to that extent and drove it until it was almost defeated, I could see that it has considerably recovered with such little time.

Since I was sent flying by the Magic Eye, I couldn’t confirm the damaged parts, but it recovered with that much vigour, huh.....

There's a similar Skill, [Support Magic · Gradual Recovery Large (Vitality)], but I think Regeneration has a better effect. *(TLN: Previously Restoration not recovery)*

.....Yosh, with this, I understand the Skills well.

I quickly cut [Regeneration] and [Magic Eye of Shock] and pasted it on myself. I pasted [Strong Arm · Extreme] onto a pebble as usual and tossed it into my storage bag.

The other party, the troll, seemed to be perplexed as his [Regeneration] disappeared before it finished recovering.

Yosh, next is to defeat it in one go!

I piled [Strong Arm · Extreme] [Body Enhancement · Large] [Physical Strength Enhancement · Extreme] and raised my attack strength. I also activated [King's Intimidation].

As I did that, the troll started trembling and couldn't move at all.

I picked up a large stone off the ground, and aimed at its chest where I think its heart is at, and threw it at full strength.

The rock hit it with force incomparable to when I defeated the Slime with a pebble, and the troll fell forwards, defeated.

